

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 13, 2007

IN RE:

**NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY PERFORMANCE
INCENTIVE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007**

**DOCKET NO.
07-00212**

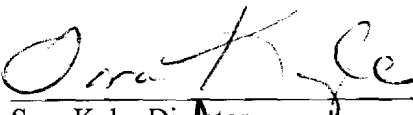
**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 8, 2007 to consider the annual report of shared gas cost savings for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 filed by Nashville Gas Company, a division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (the "Company"), on September 13, 2007. During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to serve as Hearing Officer in this proceeding for the purpose of hearing preliminary matters prior to the Hearing, including entering a protective order,¹ setting a procedural schedule to completion and preparing the matter for a hearing before the panel.

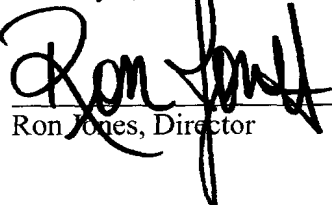
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Eddie Roberson, Chairman



Sara Kyle, Director



Ron Jones, Director

¹ The Company was directed to submit a proposed protective order to the Hearing Officer no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2007.