

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 31, 2008

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY TO)	DOCKET NO.
CHANGE ITS NAME TO PIEDMONT NATURAL)	08-00028
GAS COMPANY, INC.)	

ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE

This matter came before Director Sara Kyle, Director Tre Hargett 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 March 24, 2008, upon the petition of Nashville Gas Company ("Nashville Gas" or "Company") to change its name.

On January 25, 1985, Nashville Gas filed a Joint Petition with Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), Tennessee Natural Resources, Inc. ("TNRI"), and Hartsville Gas Company ("Hartsville Gas") seeking approval of the merger of the property rights and franchises of Nashville Gas and Hartsville Gas into TNRI and then the merger of TNRI into Piedmont pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-112.¹ The Joint Petition was approved by Order dated March 5, 1985 stating that Piedmont will be a public utility subject to regulation and supervision by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Title 65, Chapter 4 of Tennessee Code Annotated and that Piedmont is to file monthly and annual reports with the Commission showing the operation of its Nashville Gas division. Prior to Nashville Gas merging into TNRI,

¹ *Joint Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., Tennessee Natural Resources, Inc., Nashville Gas Company and Hartsville Gas Company for Commission Approvals Pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-4-112 and § 65-4-109.* Docket No. U-85-7341, *Order*, p. 1 (March 5, 1985).

it was operating pursuant to a Franchise with the City of Nashville. Since the merger of Piedmont and TNRI, Piedmont has been offering gas to its Tennessee customers as Nashville Gas Company. On February 14, 2008, Nashville Gas filed a Petition with the Authority to change the name under which it provides regulated natural gas utility service to Tennessee customers from its current assumed name of "Nashville Gas Company" to its actual corporate name, "Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc."

Based upon careful consideration of the record of this matter and upon a finding that the Company has satisfied the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-1-.08, a majority of the panel voted² to approve the name change.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Tre Hargett, Director



Sara Kyle, Director

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Ron Jones, Director

² Director Jones abstained from voting and asserted that Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1220-4-1-.08 does not require Directors' approval for a name change, and further asserted that requiring such approval is in direct opposition to the Authority's decision in Rulemaking Docket No. 04-00072 and is contrary to the plain language of the Rule.