

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 23, 2008

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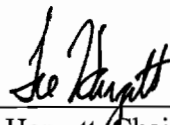
**PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY
PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN FOR THE
PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008**

**DOCKET NO.
08-00164**

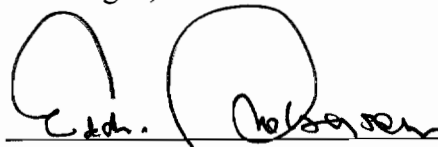
**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before Chairman Tre Hargett, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Mary W. Freeman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 20, 2008 for consideration of Piedmont Natural Gas Company's Performance Incentive Plan for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 filed on September 4, 2008. 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 act as the Hearing Officer to handle any preliminary matters, including entering a protective order.¹

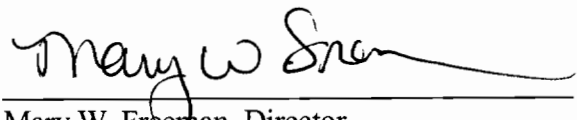
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Tre Hargett, Chairman



Eddie Roberson, Director



Mary W. Freeman, Director

¹ Piedmont Natural Gas Company was directed to submit a proposed protective order no later than 2:00 p.m. on October 30, 2008.