

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Docket File 08-00164

**FROM:** Pat Murphy *PM*  
Utilities Division

**DATE:** March 5, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Piedmont Natural Gas Company Performance Incentive Plan f-or the Period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 – Extension of 180 day audit period.

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The six-month deadline for the completion and approval of the TRA Audit Staff's ("Staff") audit in the above captioned docket was March 3, 2009. In order for Staff to complete its review of the Company's responses to the remaining outstanding data requests, Staff is extending the deadline an additional 48 days to April 20, 2009. The Company's Service Schedule No. 316 (Performance Incentive Plan) allows that "The Authority Staff may expand the time for consideration of the annual reports by up to an additional sixty (60) days upon written notification to the Company or longer by mutual agreement or upon a showing of good cause."<sup>1</sup> Staff notified Piedmont by email on February 23, 2009 of its intent to extend the audit deadline. By return email on February 25, 2009, Jenny Furr, Manager of Regulatory Reporting with Piedmont acknowledged the notification. Please see a copy of the communications attached.

C: Darlene Standley  
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<sup>1</sup> Filing with the Authority, pages 4-5.

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**Subject:** Fw: Piedmont Data Request (2-23-2009)  
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Good Morning Pat!

Piedmont confirms receipt of notification of the extension of the incentive audit deadline.

Jenny

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Kelly,

Attached is Staff's 3rd data request in this docket. Please respond by March 10.

The original 180-day deadline for the audit is March 3. The new incentive tariff allows for the deadline to be extended for up to an additional 60 days by notification to the Company by the TRA Staff. This email will serve as such notification. Staff will extend the deadline approximately 7 weeks to the Authority's April 20, 2009 conference. Staff will make every effort to complete and issue the report earlier than this time frame if possible.

Please confirm the Company's receipt of such notification by return email and I will document the extension in the TRA Docket file.

Thanks,  
Pat(See attached file: Piedmont Data Request (2-23-2009).doc)