

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**February 2, 2009**

**IN RE:**

**PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.  
ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT  
FILING FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2007**

**DOCKET NO.  
08-00227**


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

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This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle 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 January 26, 2009 for consideration of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Actual Cost Adjustment for the twelve months ended December 31, 2007 filed on December 19, 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.<sup>1</sup>

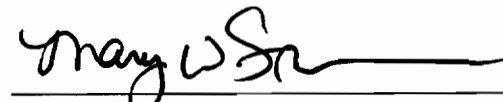
**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



Eddie Roberson, Chairman



Sara Kyle, Director



Mary W. Freeman, Director

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<sup>1</sup> Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. was directed to submit a proposed protective order no later than 2:00 p.m. on February 5, 2009.