

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 28, 2009

IN RE:

**PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.'S
ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT
FILING FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**DOCKET NO.
09-00093**

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

This matter came before Director Mary W. Freeman, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Kenneth C. Hill of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 24, 2009 for consideration of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Actual Cost Adjustment for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 filed on July 1, 2009. 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.


Mary W. Freeman, Director


Eddie Roberson, Director


Kenneth C. Hill, Director

¹ Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. was directed to submit a proposed protective order no later than 2:00 p.m. on September 3, 2009.