

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	May 19, 2010)	
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PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.'S)	DOCKET NO.
ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT)	09-00093
FILING FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED)	
DECEMBER 31, 2008)	

HEARING OFFICER'S ORDER EXTENDING AUDIT PERIOD

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") filed its Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 on July 1, 2009. The report of the Authority's Utilities Division (the "Audit Staff") resulting from the Audit Staff's audit of Piedmont's annual deferred gas cost account filing for the year ended December 31, 2008 was filed on April 1, 2010. Piedmont filed its *Request for Declaratory Interpretation* ("Request") on April 6, 2010, and on April 15, 2010, Piedmont filed a letter on behalf of itself and Audit Staff requesting an extension of the audit period until May 31, 2010. Since that time, there have been several data requests issued by TRA Advisory Staff to both Piedmont and Audit Staff. Further, on May 7, 2010, the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General filed a *Petition to Intervene* ("Petition").

In light of the numerous filings in this docket as well as the pending *Request* and the pending *Petition*, the Hearing Officer hereby extends the deadline for the Audit period from May 31, 2010 until July 30, 2010.¹ Any party wishing to respond to the pending *Petition* shall do so within seven (7) days of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer

¹ TRA Rule 1220-4-7-.03(2) provides for extension of the Audit period by order of the Authority.