

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

December 29, 2009

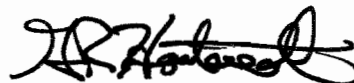
IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS)	DOCKET NO.
COMPANY, INC. TO IMPLEMENT A)	09-00104
MARGIN DECOUPLING TRACKER (MDT))	
RIDER AND RELATED ENERGY EFFICIENCY)	
AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS)	

ORDER RE-SUSPENDING TARIFF

During a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 24, 2009 the panel assigned to this docket voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding, suspend the proposed tariff from September 1, 2009 to November 29, 2009, and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to serve as Hearing Officer for the purpose of hearing preliminary matters and preparing the matter for a hearing before the panel. A hearing in this matter was conducted on December 17 and 18, 2009 and the matter must now be deliberated by the panel. For this reason the Hearing Officer hereby re-suspends the effectiveness of the tariffs through February 1, 2010.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The effective dates of the tariffs filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. are hereby re-suspended through February 1, 2010.



Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer