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c/o Ms. Sharla Dillon
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Re: In re Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company for a General Rate Increase, Implementation of Energysmart Conservation Programs and Implementation of a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, Docket No. 09-00183

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of Tennessee Rural Coalition's Comments Regarding Model Protective Order for filing in Docket No. 09-00183. An electronic copy of the filing has also been transmitted via email to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Docket Manager, Sharla Dillon. Please stamp one copy as "filed" and return to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning any of the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



R. Dale Grimes

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**IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:)	
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General Rate Increase, Implementation of)	
Energysmart Conservation Programs and)	
Implementation of a Revenue Decoupling)	
Mechanism)	

**TENNESSEE RURAL COALITION'S COMMENTS REGARDING MODEL
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

The Tennessee Rural Coalition¹ (Coalition) respectfully submits the following comments regarding protective orders to govern the exchange of Confidential Information in Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) dockets. The Coalition represents 11 rural local exchange carriers (ILECs) providing service in Tennessee.

Pursuant to the Notice issued by Hearing Officer Hotvedt in Docket No. 09-00183, the Coalition has reviewed and considered the Consumer Advocate's Submission and proposed protective order. Upon careful consideration, the Coalition submits this letter in support of the Comments and Proposed Protective Order filed by Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc. in this docket. The Coalition respectfully submits that the Proposed Protective Order being offered as Exhibit A to Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc.'s Comments captures the necessary protections and procedural safeguards that should be afforded to all entities proceeding before the TRA.

¹ Ardmore Telephone Company, Concord Telephone Exchange, Crockett Telephone Company, Inc., Humphrey's County Telephone Company, Loretto Telephone Company, Inc., Millington Telephone Company, Peoples Telephone Company, Inc., Tellico Telephone Company, Tennessee Telephone Company, United Telephone Company, and West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.

CONCLUSION

The Coalition recognizes and respects the desire of the TRA to adopt a standard protective order and supports the Protective Order proposed by Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc.

Respectfully submitted this the 19th day of January 2010,

On behalf of the Rural Coalition

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