

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 30, 2010

IN RE:	)	
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APPLICATION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL	)	DOCKET NO.
GAS COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF	)	10-00015
NEGOTIATED GAS REDELIVERY AGREEMENT	)	
WITH BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE	)	

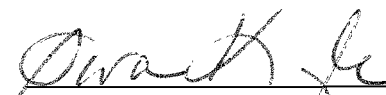
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ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE  
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

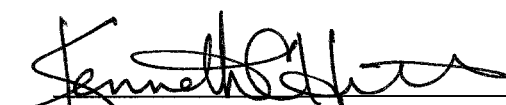
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This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Kenneth C. Hill of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 22, 2010 for consideration of the *Petition* filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. on February 2, 2010 requesting approval of a negotiated Gas Redelivery Agreement with Bridgestone Americas Tire Operation, LLC (formerly Bridgestone/Firestone). The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General filed a *Petition to Intervene* on February 24, 2010. 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 serve as Hearing Officer for the purpose of hearing preliminary matters, including ruling on petitions to intervene, setting a procedural schedule to completion and preparing the matter for a hearing before the panel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
Eddie Roberson, Director

  
Kenneth C. Hill, Director