

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 13, 2010

IN RE:

TARIFF FILING BY PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS
COMPANY TO ADJUST AND CORRECT THE
APPLICABLE FRANCHISE FEE

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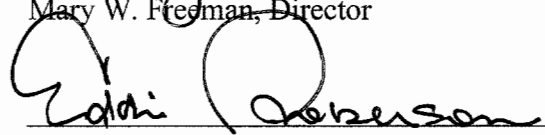
ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF FOR SIXTY DAYS

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 March 22, 2010 for consideration of the proposed tariff filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. on March 9, 2010 to adjust the applicable rate used for collecting the Metro Franchise Fee from its Davidson County customers. The proposed tariff has an effective date of April 1, 2010. During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to suspend the proposed tariff for sixty days, from April 1, 2010 to May 30, 2010, to give Authority Staff sufficient time to gather additional information and to properly evaluate the proposed franchise fee.


IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mary W. Freeman, Director



Eddie Roberson, Director



Kenneth C. Hill, Director