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Via Hand-Delivery
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The Honorable Earl Taylor
Executive Director
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
c/o Sharla Dillon
502 Deaderick Street, Fourth Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: *Mount Juliet Franchise Extension*
Docket No. 10-00127

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This letter is to advise the Authority of the status of certain matters relating to the pending renewal of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s franchise to serve the City of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, which is due to expire on March 13, 2016. Piedmont's existing franchise with Mount Juliet was approved in Authority Docket No. 10-00127. For the last several months, Piedmont has been engaged in negotiations with the City of Mount Juliet ("City") for the renewal of this franchise, and Piedmont is pleased to inform the Authority that an agreement for renewal of the franchise has been reached with the City. This agreement was scheduled to be addressed at a recent meeting of the City's Board of Commissioners. Due to an illness of one of the City's Commissioners, however, consideration of the agreement has been delayed. As a result, Mount Juliet will be unable to finalize the agreement prior to March 13, 2016. Piedmont anticipates that the franchise agreement will be approved by the City Board of Commissioners and executed by the end of March. Piedmont will file a petition with the Authority for approval of the franchise agreement as soon as possible after the City's enactment of the franchise ordinance.

Notwithstanding the delay in the renewal of this franchise, Piedmont wishes to advise the Authority that it will continue all services to the City of Mount Juliet on an uninterrupted and interim basis pending approval of the new franchise by the City and then by the Authority.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address or telephone number listed above.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



R. Dale Grimes