

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

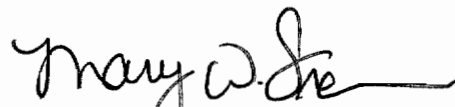
September 1, 2010

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS)	DOCKET NO.
COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF)	10-00142
NEGOTIATED GAS REDELIVERY AGREEMENT)	
WITH E. I. DUPONT DE NEMOURS COMPANY)	

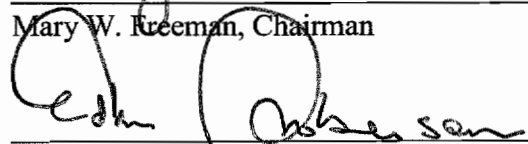
ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before Chairman Mary W. Freeman, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 23, 2010 for consideration of the *Petition* filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. on July 13, 2010 requesting approval of a negotiated Gas Redelivery Agreement with E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company. The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General filed a *Petition to Intervene* on July 21, 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.

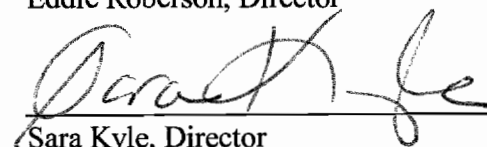
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mary W. Freeman, Chairman



Eddie Roberson, Director



Sara Kyle, Director