

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**November 23, 2010**

**IN RE:**

**PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.  
PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN OF  
SHARED GAS COST SAVING FOR THE PERIOD  
JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010**

**DOCKET NO.  
10-00183**

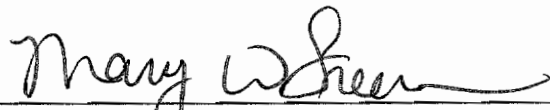
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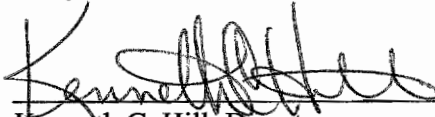
**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE  
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

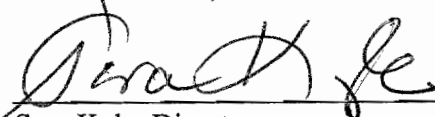
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This matter came before Chairman Mary W. Freeman, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 27, 2010 for consideration of the annual report of shared gas cost savings for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. on September 9, 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 act as Hearing Officer to handle any preliminary matters, including entering a protective order.<sup>1</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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Mary W. Freeman, Chairman

  
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Kenneth C. Hill, Director

  
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Sara Kyle, Director

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<sup>1</sup> Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. was directed to submit a proposed protective order no later than 2:00 p.m. on October 7, 2010.