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Dr. Kenneth Hill  
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**Re: *Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc, For Adjustment To Its Rates***  
**Docket No. 11-00144**

Dear Chairman:

I am writing you in your capacity as the Hearing Officer in Docket 11-00144. The Consumer Advocate has reviewed Piedmont's discovery objections filed in this docket. Informal communication with the Company has resolved the concerns of our Office. We will not be filing a motion to compel. As the only party that has requested discovery, we do not see the need at this time for a status conference to resolve discovery disputes as contemplated by the procedural schedule.

Please feel free to contact the parties should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: all parties of record in Docket 11-00144

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