

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 26, 2011

IN RE:

**PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.
ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT FILING
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2011**

**DOCKET NO.
11-00168**

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

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the “Authority”) at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 17, 2011 for consideration of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.’s Actual Gas Cost Adjustment for the twelve months ended June 30, 2011 filed on September 30, 2011. 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.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director

¹ Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. was directed to submit a proposed protective order no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2011.