

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 18, 2013

IN RE:

PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN
INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT RIDER TO
ITS APPROVED RATE SCHEDULES AND
SERVICE REGULATIONS

DOCKET NO.
13-00118

ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Director Robin Bennett and Director David F. Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 9, 2013 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint a Hearing Officer. On August 30, 2013, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. filed a *Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Approval of an Integrity Management Rider to Its Approved Rate Schedules and Service Regulations*.

During the Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or her designee to act as Hearing Officer to prepare this case for hearing, including establishing a procedural schedule, entering a protective order and ruling on intervention requests and discovery issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Director Robin Bennett and Director David F. Jones concur.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director