

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 15, 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**

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) **DOCKET NO.**
) **13-00118**
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ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“TRA” or “Authority”) to establish a procedural schedule for the purpose of efficiently moving these proceedings to completion. Upon due consideration of the statutory requirements imposed in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d), Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) and the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) have agreed to the following deadlines:¹

Due Date	Filing/Action
	The parties have agreed that a formal discovery schedule is not needed. Any informal discovery between the parties shall be conducted in accordance with TRA Rule 1220-1-2-.11 and completed by October 28, 2013. Copies of any discovery exchanged between the parties shall be filed with the Authority.*
October 28, 2013	Piedmont Pre-Filed Direct Testimony*

¹ The Authority is authorized to implement alternative regulatory methods to allow public utility rate reviews and cost recovery in lieu of a general rate case proceeding, and is required to make a final determination on any such alternative regulatory method no later than one hundred twenty (120) days from the initial filing by the public utility. Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(1)(A) (2013).


Due Date	Filing/Action
November 25, 2013	Consumer Advocate/Intervener Pre-Filed Direct Testimony*
December 4, 2013	Piedmont Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony*
TBD	Pre-Hearing Conference (if needed)
December 18, 2013	Hearing on the Merits (1:00 p.m. CST)

* General Filings & Testimony are to be filed no later than 2:00 p.m. CST on the date designated.

In addition, although the agency has not yet set minimum filing requirements and procedural schedules for petitions filed under TCA 65-5-103(d), as it is authorized to do in TCA 65-5-103(d)(1)(A), pending such action, the agency requests and strongly recommends that, as to any future petitions filed under this statute, Piedmont file all documentation and testimony supporting its request with/at the time of its petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The procedural schedule set forth in this Order is adopted in full force and effect.


 Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer