

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 15, 2014

IN RE:

PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
INC. TO ADJUST THE JUNE 30, 2012 ACA ENDING
BALANCE FOR PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

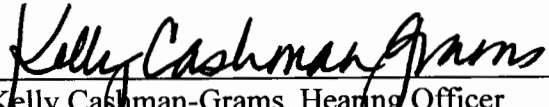
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ORDER GRANTING PARTY STAFF'S REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO REPLY TO
PIEDMONT'S RESPONSE TO PARTY STAFF'S OBJECTION

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority" or "TRA") upon the *Party Staff's Request for Permission to Reply* ("*Request to Reply*") filed by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Staff Participating as a Party ("Party Staff") on April 2, 2014. In its *Request to Reply*, Party Staff asks permission to reply to Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s ("Piedmont") *Response to the Party Staff's Objection to Piedmont's Motion for Summary Judgment* ("*Objection*") for the purpose of clarifying certain language used by Party Staff in its *Objection*. Party Staff asserts that due to certain imprecise wording in its *Objection*, Piedmont appears to have misunderstood the nature of and basis for Party Staff's *Objection*. Therefore, Party Staff requests to file a *Reply*.

Upon due consideration, and in the absence of any objection by the other parties to this proceeding, the Hearing Officer finds the *Request to Reply* timely and reasonable, and consistent with the Authority's procedure and practice concerning preliminary motions in TRA Rule 1220-01-02-.06(3). For these reasons, the Hearing Officer concludes that the *Request to Reply* should be granted.

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED.


Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer