

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 29, 2013

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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**DOCKET NO.
13-00119**

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

This matter came before Chairman James M. Allison, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director David F. Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 21, 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 Accounting Order* requesting permission to adjust the ending balance in its deferred gas cost account as of June 30, 2012. A *Petition to Intervene* was filed by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General on October 4, 2013.

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 but not limited to, establishing a procedural schedule and ruling on intervention requests and discovery issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Chairman James M. Allison, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director David F. Jones concur.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director