

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**January 10, 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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) **DOCKET NO.**  
) **13-00119**  
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**ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“TRA” or “Authority”) upon the Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule filed jointly by the parties, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”), the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), and the TRA Staff Participating as a Party (“Party Staff”) on January 7, 2014. The Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule sets deadlines for the disposition of two preliminary issues that have been raised by the Consumer Advocate and Party Staff:

- 1) Whether the costs underlying the proposed adjustments in Piedmont’s ACA account are legitimate gas costs eligible for inclusion in that account; and
- 2) Whether Piedmont’s proposed ACA account adjustments are barred under the terms of the audit report approved by the TRA in Docket No. 07-00174.

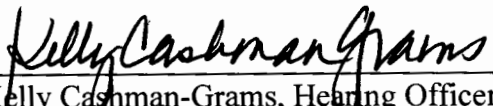
Upon resolution of the preliminary issues, a pre-hearing conference would be conducted to determine what, if any, additional proceedings would be needed in the docket.

Upon consideration of the schedule proposed by the parties, the Hearing Officer finds that the dates are appropriate and moves the proceedings forward in an efficient manner. Further, the Hearing Officer concludes that, in the event that discovery motions are needed, an

alternative schedule of filing dates should also be included in order to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of any procedural schedule implemented in the docket. Therefore, the Hearing Officer adopts the Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule and, in addition, sets forth an alternative schedule of filing dates to be followed in the event that discovery motions are needed, as set forth in **Exhibit A**.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The Procedural Schedule set forth in **Exhibit A** of this Order is adopted in full force and effect.

  
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Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer

**PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**(DOCKET NO. 13-00119)**

**JANUARY 9, 2014**

Due Date		Filing	
January 17, 2014		Initial Discovery Requests on Preliminary Issues	
January 23, 2014		Objections to Initial Discovery Requests	
January 28, 2014		Responses to Objections to Initial Discovery Requests	
February 5, 2014		Responses to Initial Discovery Requests	
February 12, 2014		Statement of Stipulated Facts OR Motions to Compel Discovery Responses (if any)	
Track 1: If Statement of Stipulated Facts Filed -		Track 2: If Motions to Compel Filed -	
February 26, 2014	Dispositive Motions with Supporting Briefs	February 18, 2014	Responses to Motions to Compel
March 7, 2014	Response to Dispositive Motions with Supporting Brief by Targeted Party	February 20, 2014 10:00 a.m. CST	Status Conference on Discovery Motions (if needed)
		March 5, 2014	Statement of Stipulated Facts
		March 19, 2014	Dispositive Motions with Supporting Briefs
		March 28, 2014	Response to Dispositive Motions with Supporting Brief by Targeted Party

**Exhibit A**