BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 28, 2014		
IN RE:)	
)	DOCKET NO.
PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	13-00119
INC. TO ADJUST THE JUNE 30, 2012 ACA ENDING)	
BALANCE FOR PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS)	

ORDER GRANTING PIEDMONT'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A RESPONSE TO PARTY STAFF'S OBJECTION

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority" or "TRA") upon *Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Motion for Leave to File Response and Response ("Motion")* filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") on March 21, 2014. In its *Motion*, Piedmont states that the *Objection to Piedmont's Motion for Summary Judgment ("Objection")*, filed by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Staff Participating as a Party ("Party Staff") on March 10, 2014, is neither a dispositive motion nor a response to Piedmont's *Motion for Summary Judgment* as provided in the Procedural Schedule, and raises new issues not addressed by Piedmont in its *Motion for Summary Judgment*. Therefore, Piedmont requests leave to respond to the *Objection* and includes its response with its *Motion*.

Upon due consideration, the Hearing Officer finds that the *Motion* is timely and reasonable, and is consistent with the Authority's procedure and practice concerning preliminary motions in TRA Rule 1220-01-02-.06(3). Further, no response or opposition to the *Motion* has been filed by any party to this proceeding. Therefore, for these reasons, the Hearing Officer concludes that the *Motion* should be granted.

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED.

Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer