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July 31, 2015

Via Hand-Delivery

The Honorable Earl Taylor
Executive Director
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
c/o Sharla Dillon
502 Deaderick Street, Fourth Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

**Re: *Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Authorization to Amortize
and Refund to Customers Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes***
Docket No. 14-00017

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of the parties' Joint Status Report in the above docket, submitted pursuant to the Authority's Notice of Filing Joint Status Report, filed July 1, 2015.

This material is also being filed by way of email to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Docket Manager, Sharla Dillon. Please file the original and four (4) copies of this filing and stamp the additional copy as "filed". Then please return the stamped copy to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address or telephone number listed above.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Dale Grimes by *Gigi Yetter*
R. Dale Grimes *w/permission*

Enclosures

cc: Wayne Irvin

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
INC. FOR AUTHORIZATION TO AMORTIZE AND
REFUND TO CUSTOMERS EXCESS ACCUMULATED
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES

Docket No. 14-00017

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”) and the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) (collectively the “Parties”), through counsel, respectfully submit this joint status report. The Authority’s Notice of Filing Joint Status Report issued July 1, 2015 in the above named docket requires that the Parties file a joint status report on the progress of their discussions by July 31, 2015.

Piedmont and the Consumer Advocate report that they are working on finalizing documents and testimony setting forth and supporting what the parties expect to be terms for settling this Docket, subject to the approval of the Attorney General, appropriate approvals by the Company's management and the execution of a stipulation and settlement agreement. Additional time is needed to complete these processes. Accordingly, the Parties propose the filing of another Joint Status Report on or before August 31 regarding the progress of discussions/settlement unless the Parties have filed settlement documents prior to that date.

Respectfully submitted, this the 31st day of July, 2015.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached was served upon the parties in this action by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, First Class Postage Prepaid, addressed as follows:

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This the 31st day of July, 2015.

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