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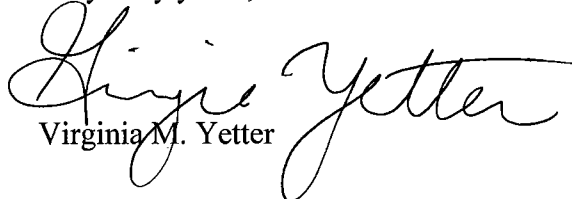
**Re: *Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc. for Authorization to Amortize and Refund to Customers Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes***  
**Docket No. 14-00017**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am enclosing an original and five (5) copies of the Joint Status Report of the parties in the above matter. 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 copies of this filing and stamp the additional copy as "filed". Then please return the stamped copies 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.

Very truly yours,

  
Virginia M. Yetter

Enclosure

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

IN RE: )  
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PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, )  
INC. FOR AUTHORIZATION TO AMORTIZE AND ) Docket No. 14-00017  
REFUND TO CUSTOMERS EXCESS ACCUMULATED )  
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES )

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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

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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 September 14, 2015 in the above named docket requires that the Parties file a joint status report on the progress of their discussions by September 30, 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 October 31 regarding the progress of discussions/settlement unless the Parties have filed settlement documents prior to that date.

Respectfully submitted, this the 30th day of September, 2015.

**Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.**

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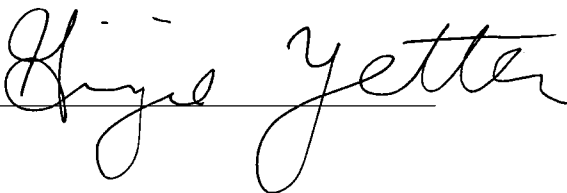
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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 30th day of September, 2015.

  
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