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Via Hand-Delivery

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

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**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:

I am enclosing an original and five (5) copies of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s Joint Status Report.

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.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



R. Dale Grimes

Enclosures

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**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

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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 Order Requiring Parties to File a Joint Status Report filed May 2, 2014 in the above-named Docket requires that the Parties file a joint status report on the progress of their informal discussions by May 27, 2014.

To date, Piedmont and the Consumer Advocate have participated in informal discussions and have exchanged and filed information in this Docket. The Parties continue to review the produced data and anticipate further exchanges of additional information. At this time, the Parties desire to continue these informal discussions and sharing of information. Accordingly, the Parties propose the filing of another Joint Status Report on or before June 30 regarding the progress of discussions.

Respectfully submitted, this the 27th day of May, 2014.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

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