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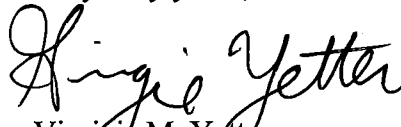
***Re: Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc. for Approval of an Integrity
Management Rider to its Approved Rate Schedules and Service Regulations
Docket No. 14-00017***

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,


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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)	

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 14, 2014 in the above named docket requires that the Parties file a joint status report on the progress of their discussions by July 31, 2014.

Piedmont plans to provide answers to the Consumer Advocate's second set of informal data requests today and will file a copy of those responses with the Authority. Following the provisions of such answers, and a reasonable time for the Consumer Advocate to review such responses, Piedmont and the Consumer Advocate would like to continue to discuss the possible resolution of this matter on an amicable basis and request leave of the Authority to do so. Accordingly, the Parties propose the filing of another Joint Status Report on or before August 31, 2014 regarding the progress of discussions.

Respectfully submitted, this the 31st day of July, 2014.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

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