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August 29, 2014

**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 May 28, 2014.

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,



R. Dale Grimes

Enclosures

cc:   Wayne Irvin

**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 August 7, 2014 in the above-named docket requires that the Parties file a joint status report on the progress of their discussions by August 31, 2014.

Piedmont has served answers to the Consumer Advocate's second set of informal data requests and on August 11, filed a copy of those responses under seal with the Authority. The Consumer Advocate is continuing to review Piedmont's responses. Following the Consumer Advocate's review, the Parties intend 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 September 30 regarding the progress of discussions.

Respectfully submitted, this the 29th day of August, 2014.

**Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the 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 29 day of August, 2014.

W. M. Irvin