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

Re: Approval of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and Duke Energy Corporation's Business Combination Transaction, Docket No. 16-00006

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This letter is to notify the Authority that with respect to the change of control of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") previously authorized in the above-captioned docket, the North Carolina Utilities Commission issued its *Order Approving Merger Subject to Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct* on September 29, 2016. Consistent with the requirements of the Merger Agreement between Piedmont and Duke Energy Corporation, the transaction was subsequently closed on October 3, 2016.

Also enclosed are five (5) additional copies of this letter. Please file the original and four copies of the letter and stamp the additional copy as "filed." Then please return the stamped copy to me by way of our courier. This document also is being filed today by way of email to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Docket Manager, Sharla Dillon.

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,

*Dale Grimes with permission
by VMY*
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