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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 for Approval of an Integrity Management Rider to its Approved Rate Schedules and Service Regulations*
Docket No. 16-00140

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On January 13, 2017, the Consumer Advocate issued an informal data request to Piedmont in the above-referenced docket. Piedmont responded to this request on January 25, 2017. Due to the size of many of the attachments responsive to this data request, it was decided that the most effective means to transmit these attachments was to provide them via UPS Overnight.

Piedmont was notified that the package containing the attachments was not received by the Consumer Advocate on January 26th, as anticipated, by way of the Consumer Advocate's January 27, 2017 motion filing in this docket. After investigating the cause for the delay in this shipment, Piedmont discovered that it was still in possession of UPS, and not yet been delivered due to an "unforeseen event" – in UPS' words. In order to attempt to remedy this situation and provide the Consumer Advocate with the attachments as soon as possible, Piedmont transmitted the attachments to the Consumer Advocate via several emails on Sunday, January 29th.

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