

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 5, 2017

IN RE:

**PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT
RIDER TO ITS APPROVED RATE SCHEDULES AND
SERVICE REGULATIONS.**

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**DOCKET NO.
16-00140**

PRE-HEARING ORDER

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-306(d) and TRA Rule 1220-1-2-.12, this matter came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“Authority” or “TRA”) at a Pre-Hearing Conference held via teleconference on March 29, 2017. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the hearing scheduled during the Authority Conference to be held at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, April 10, 2017. Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) and the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), the parties in this matter, participated in the Pre-Hearing Conference.

I. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The following order of the hearing has been established and agreed upon:

A. NOTICE OF HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT

On March 31, 2017, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a hearing will be held during the Authority Conference scheduled to begin at **1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, April 10, 2017**. Members of the public are encouraged to participate by filing written

comments in the docket file and/or presenting verbal comments during the hearing.

B. OPENING STATEMENTS

After any preliminary matters are considered, each party is permitted a maximum of ten (10) minutes to present an opening statement. Piedmont will present its opening statement first, followed by the Consumer Advocate.

C. EXHIBITS & DOCUMENTS

The parties should exchange any demonstrative exhibits related to a witness' pre-filed testimony before that witness appears on the stand. Each party should have its own copy of all exhibits, including those appended to pre-filed testimony, available for reference during the hearing and is responsible for supplying a sufficient number of copies of any exhibits that it intends to reference or discuss with a witness. A party should use its own judgment and discretion in determining the total number of copies to have on hand, but at a minimum, copies of an exhibit should be provided to the court reporter, each Director on the panel, Legal Staff, and the Utilities Division Chief.

D. TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS

The parties informed the Hearing Officer that provisions for visual display aids and technology are not necessary for the hearing.

E. WITNESSES

During direct examination, witnesses will have up to fifteen (15) minutes to summarize their pre-filed testimony. In addition, a witness remains subject to recall for rebuttal purposes and should remain available throughout the length of the proceedings.

Piedmont will present its witness first, then the Consumer Advocate will present its witness.

- Piedmont will present one (1) witness:
 1. Pia K. Powers- Director of Gas Rates & Regulatory Affairs for Piedmont
- The Consumer Advocate will present one (1) witness:
 1. William H. (Hal) Novak- President, WHN Consulting

F. EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES AND QUESTIONS BY THE AUTHORITY

While redirect examination of a witness is allowed, the parties are reminded to limit questions on redirect to matters elicited during cross-examination that require clarification. It is not appropriate to raise new issues during redirect examination. Recross-examination is not permitted except in the event that a new issue is raised during the immediately preceding redirect examination. The Authority's Advisory Staff has the opportunity to ask questions following cross-examination, before redirect examination. The parties should be aware that the Directors might ask questions at any time during a witness's testimony, as well as following cross-examination.

G. CLOSING ARGUMENTS

The parties will present closing arguments and forgo filing post-hearing briefs. Closing arguments will be presented first by the Consumer Advocate, then Piedmont. Each party will be given a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to present closing arguments.

H. PRELIMINARY MATTERS/MOTIONS

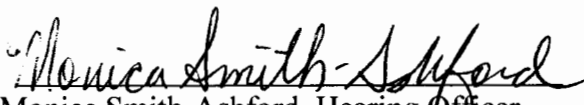
The parties should make the Hearing Officer aware of any preliminary matters as soon as possible in advance of the hearing.

I. SUMMARY OUTLINE OF HEARING

For the convenience of the presiding panel and the parties, a *Procedural Outline of Hearing* has been provided as an attachment to this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The hearing scheduled during the Authority Conference scheduled to begin at **1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, April 10, 2017**, shall be conducted in accordance with this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman/Presiding Director.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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PROCEDURAL OUTLINE OF HEARING

HEARING ON THE MERITS

- Scheduled during the Authority Conference at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on April 10, 2017.

A. Hearing Convened by Chairman/Presiding Director & Introductions

B. Miscellaneous or Pre-Hearing matters

C. Opening Statements (Limited to 10 minutes)

1. Piedmont
2. Consumer Advocate

D. Witness Testimony

1) Piedmont witness- Pia K. Powers

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

*Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 15 minutes
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Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
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Questions	TRA Advisory Staff ¹
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Redirect examination	Consumer Advocate
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¹ While the Directors may ask questions at any time, the TRA Advisory Staff may directly question a witness between cross and redirect examination.

2) Consumer Advocate witness- William H. Novak

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

*Witness Summary of Direct Limited to 15 minutes

Cross-examination Piedmont

Questions TRA Advisory Staff

Redirect examination Consumer Advocate

E. Public Comments

F. Closing Arguments (Limited to 15 minutes)

1. Consumer Advocate
2. Piedmont

G. Hearing Adjourned