

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**April 5, 2018**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTEGRITY</b>	)	<b>17-00138</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT RIDER TO ITS APPROVED RATE</b>	)	
<b>SCHEDULES AND SERVICE REGULATIONS-2017</b>	)	
<b>ANNUAL FILING</b>	)	

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**ORDER RE-SUSPENDING TARIFF THROUGH MAY 14, 2018**

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This matter is before the Hearing Officer appointed by the voting panel of Commissioners of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) and designated by General Counsel to administer certain preliminary issues that may arise during the preparation of this matter for hearing before the Commission. On November 30, 2017, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103 *et seq.*, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”) filed its Integrity Management Rider mechanism annual filing and proposed annual rate adjustment for January 1, 2018.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a) permits the Commission, pending a hearing and determination, to suspend any rate increase, change, or alteration for an initial period not to exceed three months from the proposed effective date of such increase, change, or alteration.<sup>1</sup> Because the Commission’s investigation, hearing, and final determination on the Company’s proposed tariff cannot be completed prior to the tariff effective date, the Hearing Officer hereby

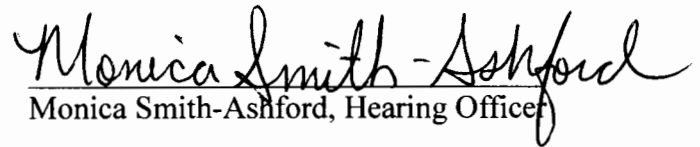
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<sup>1</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a) (2015).

re-suspends the effectiveness of the tariff through May 14, 2018.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The effective date of the proposed Fifty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1 filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. on November 30, 2017, is hereby re-suspended **through May 14, 2018**, or until further order of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, whichever occurs sooner.

  
Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer