

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 5, 2018

IN RE:

**PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT
RIDER TO ITS APPROVED RATE SCHEDULES AND
SERVICE REGULATIONS-2017 ANNUAL FILING**

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**DOCKET NO.
17-00138**

PRE-HEARING ORDER

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-306(d) and TPUC Rule 1220-1-2-.12, this matter came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) at a Pre-Hearing Conference held via teleconference on April 2, 2018. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the hearing which will be held during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, April 9, 2018. 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.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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

A. NOTICE OF HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT

On March 28, 2018, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a hearing will be held during the Commission Conference beginning at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on **Monday, April 9, 2018**. Members of the public are encouraged to participate by filing written comments

in the docket file and/or presenting verbal comments during the hearing. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to make comments at the beginning of the hearing and at the end of the hearing.

B. OPENING STATEMENTS

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 Commissioner on the panel, Legal Staff, and the Utilities Division Director.

D. TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS

The parties informed the Hearing Officer that there were no requirements for visual display aids or technology needed during the hearing.

E. WITNESSES

During direct examination, each of Piedmont's witnesses will have up to ten (10) minutes to summarize pre-filed testimony. The Consumer Advocate's witness, David Dittmore, will have up to twenty (20) minutes to present his summary. 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 witnesses first and will have two (2) witnesses:

- 1) Pia Powers- Director – Gas Rates & Regulatory Affairs;
- 2) Victor Gaglio- Piedmont, Senior Vice President and Chief Utility Operations Officer.

The Consumer Advocate will present one (1) witness:

- 1) David N. Dittmore- Financial Analyst for the Consumer Advocate.

F. EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES AND QUESTIONS BY THE COMMISSION

While re-direct examination of a witness is allowed, the parties are reminded to limit questions on re-direct to matters elicited during cross-examination that require clarification. It is not appropriate to raise new issues during re-direct examination. Re-cross examination is not permitted except in the event that a new issue is raised during the immediately preceding re-direct examination. The Commission's Advisory Staff has the opportunity to ask questions following cross-examination, before re-direct examination. The parties should be aware that the Commissioners 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 by 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 Tennessee Public Utility Commission Conference scheduled to begin at **1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, April 9, 2018**, shall be conducted in accordance with this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman/Presiding Commissioner.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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PROCEDURAL OUTLINE OF HEARING

HEARING ON THE MERITS

- Scheduled during Commission Conference beginning at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on April 9, 2018

A. Hearing Convened by Chairman/Presiding Commissioner & Introductions

B. Opening Statements- Limited to 10 minutes

1. Piedmont
2. Consumer Advocate

C. Witness Testimony

1) **Piedmont witness**- Pia Powers

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
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Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff ¹
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Re-direct examination	Piedmont
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¹ While the Commissioners may ask questions at any time, the TPUC Advisory Staff may directly question a witness between cross and re-direct examination.

ATTACHMENT

2) **Piedmont witness**- Victor Gaglio

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
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Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
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Re-direct examination	Piedmont
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3) **Consumer Advocate witness**- David Dittemore

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 20 minutes
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Cross-examination	Piedmont
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
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Re-direct examination	Consumer Advocate
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D. Public comments, if any

E. Closing Arguments – Limited to 15 minutes

1. Consumer Advocate
2. Piedmont

F. Hearing Adjourned