

**IN THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

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

DOCKET NO. 17-00138

**MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION ON TPUC'S ORDER APPROVING IMR ANNUAL
REPORT AND TO OPEN NEW DOCKET**

Herbert H. Slatery III, Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, by and through the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General (Consumer Advocate), respectfully requests clarification on the Tennessee Public Utility Commission's (TPUC) *Order Approving 2017 Integrity Management Rider Annual Report and Tariff*. For cause, the Consumer Advocate would show as follows:

1. On May 14, 2018, Chairman Jones moved to accept Piedmont Natural Gas Company's *Petition* as filed by the Company. This motion was unanimously accepted by the TPUC panel assigned to this Docket.

2. With respect to the issues and proposals raised by the Consumer Advocate, however, Chairman Jones stated:

Instead of considering these issues in this docket for resolution, and in order to allow for more time for the Commission and the parties to fully examine and analyze these issues, *I move that a separate docket be opened to address these issues and other potential issues relative to the IMR tariff.*¹ (Emphasis added.)

¹ TPUC Transcript of Commission Conference, at 36 (May 14, 2018).

3. On August 2, 2018, TPUC issued its *Order Approving 2017 Integrity Management Rider Annual Report and Tariff*.² While this *Order* provided a general background of the case, summary of the positions, and findings and conclusions, the *Order* made no reference to the Commissioners' unanimously-approved motion to open a new docket for consideration of modifications to the IMR.

WHEREFORE, the Consumer Advocate respectfully requests that the Commission clarify in its *Order* the manner in which it will examine modifications to the IMR and open a new Docket in line with Chairman Jones' May 14, 2018 Motion.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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² In line with general practice, this written order was signed by the Executive Director of TPUC's Public Utilities Division, Earl R. Taylor.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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