

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 17, 2019

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| IN RE: |) | |
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| COMPLIANCE FILING OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS |) | DOCKET NO. |
| COMPANY, INC. REGARDING THE IMPACT OF |) | 18-00040 |
| FEDERAL TAX REFORM ON PUBLIC UTILITY |) | |
| REVENUE REQUIREMENTS |) | |

PRE-HEARING ORDER

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-306(d) and Commission 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 May 15, 2019. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the Hearing scheduled during the Commission Conference to be held at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, May 20, 2019. Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) and the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Tennessee 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 May 10, 2019, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a Hearing on the *Compliance Filing of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.* (“*Compliance Filing*”) will be held during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at **1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday,**

May 20, 2019. 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 may present opening statements. Piedmont will present its opening statement first, followed by the Consumer Advocate.

C. WITNESSES

During direct examination, a time limit has been established for each witness to summarize his/her pre-filed testimony. In addition, each witness should be advised that they remain subject to recall for rebuttal purposes and should remain available throughout the length of the proceedings. The witnesses and time limits are set forth below.

- Piedmont witness: Pia Powers (10 minutes)
- Consumer Advocate witness: David Dittmore (10 minutes)

D. EXHIBITS & DOCUMENTS

The parties should exchange any demonstrative exhibits related to a witness's 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.

E. 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.

F. Examination of Witnesses and Questions by the Commission

While re-direct examination of a witness is allowed, the parties are reminded that it is to be limited 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 and after cross-examination.

G. Closing Remarks

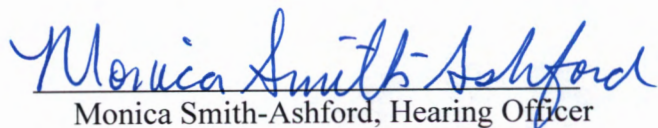
The Consumer Advocate will present its closing remarks first, followed by Piedmont.

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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Hearing on the *Compliance Filing of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.* scheduled during the Commission Conference to be held at **1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, May 20, 2019**, shall be conducted in accordance with this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chair/Presiding Commissioner.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer