

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 5, 2019

IN RE:

**DOCKET TO EXAMINE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE
CONSUMER ADVOCATE TO MODIFY PIEDMONT
NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S INTEGRITY
MANAGEMENT RIDER TARIFF AND OTHER
POTENTIAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE IMR TARIFF**

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**DOCKET NO.
19-00007**

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 September 3, 2019. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the Hearing on modifications to Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s ("Piedmont") Integrity Management Rider ("IMR") tariff scheduled during the Commission Conference to be held at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, September 9, 2019. 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 August 30, 2019, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a Hearing

on modifications to Piedmont's IMR will be held during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at **1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, September 9, 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. The Consumer Advocate will present its opening statement first, followed by Piedmont.

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 provisions for visual display aids and technology are not necessary for the Hearing.

E. WITNESSES

The Consumer Advocate will call its witness, David Dittmore, first to provide a summary of his Pre-Filed Testimony. Piedmont will call its witness, Pia Powers, to summarize her testimony. Each witness will have ten (10) minutes to present the summary, and each party

will have an opportunity to cross-examine the opposing parties' witness following the summary of the testimony. The witnesses and time limits are set forth below.

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

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 redirect examination. Recross-examination is not permitted except in the event that a new issue is raised during the immediately preceding redirect examination. The Commission 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 Piedmont, then the Consumer Advocate. Each party will be given a maximum of ten (10) 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Hearing scheduled during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at **1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, September 9, 2019**, shall be conducted in accordance with this Pre-

Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman/Presiding Commissioner.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer