

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**January 7, 2020**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN</b>	)	<b>19-00107</b>
<b>INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT RIDER TO ITS</b>	)	
<b>APPROVED RATE SCHEDULES AND SERVICE</b>	)	
<b>REGULATIONS</b>	)	

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**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF THROUGH APRIL 1, 2020**

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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 27, 2019, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103 *et seq.*, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”) filed its *Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Approval of an Integrity Management Rider to its Approved Rate Schedules and Service Regulations*, along with the proposed tariff.

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

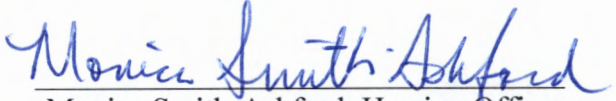
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<sup>1</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a).

tariff cannot be completed prior to the January 1, 2020 effective date, the Hearing Officer hereby suspends the effectiveness of the tariff through April 1, 2020.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The effective date of the proposed Sixty-Third Revised Sheet No. 1 filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. on November 27, 2019, is hereby suspended through April 1, 2020, or until further order of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, whichever occurs sooner.

  
Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer