

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

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

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DOCKET NO.
19-00107

ORDER RE-SUSPENDING TARIFF

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.¹ The Hearing Officer initially suspended the tariff through April 1, 2020; however, because the Commission's investigation, hearing, and final determination on the Company's proposed tariff cannot be

¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103.

completed by that date, the Hearing Officer hereby re-suspends the effectiveness of the tariff through June 15, 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 re-suspended through June 15, 2020, or until further order of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, whichever occurs sooner.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Smith-Ashford". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Monica" being the most prominent part of the signature.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer