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Via Email and U. S. Mail

Mr. Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman c/o Ectory Lawless Tennessee Public Utility Commission 502 Deaderick Street, Fourth Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243 Electronically Filed in TPUC Docket Room on September 10, 2021 at 10:19 a.m.

Re: Consumer Advocate's Petition to Obtain Information from Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Pertaining to the Potential Effects of the Price Spikes in February 2021; Docket No. 21-00073

Dear Chairman Hill:

As directed in the September 2, 2021 Notice of Filing, Piedmont hereby submits the following status update in the above-captioned proceeding.

On June 23, 2021, the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") filed a petition in the above-captioned proceeding requesting permission from the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC" or the "Commission") to obtain information from Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont" or the "Company") related to natural gas price spikes occurring in February 2021, and the potential effects of those price spikes ("February Price Spikes") on Piedmont and Piedmont's customers ("Petition").

On June 28, 2021, Piedmont filed a letter in response to the Petition providing the background (from Piedmont's perspective) for the pending Consumer Advocate's motion and informing the Commission of its belief that the Consumer Advocate's Petition was actually moot given that Piedmont had already made the decision to undertake the labor necessary to provide written answers to the Consumer Advocate's questions notwithstanding the press of other business. In the letter, Piedmont stated it anticipated being able to provide complete responses to the Consumer Advocate by mid-July at the latest.

On July 15, 2021, Piedmont provided confidential written responses to the Consumer Advocate's questions issued to Piedmont by letter dated May 18, 2021.

On July 28, 2021 the Consumer Advocate sent a confidential letter to Piedmont consisting of 2 follow up questions to the responses Piedmont previously provided on July 15, 2021. Piedmont acknowledged receipt of the request and indicated that responses would be forthcoming.

Piedmont provided these responses directly to Consumer Advocate counsel Karen Stachowski by email on August 28, 2021.

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Piedmont is not aware of any further pending matters in this docket and requests that it be closed.

This letter is also being filed today by way of email to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission docket manager, Ectory Lawless. Please file the original and provide a "filed" stamped copy of the same by email to my assistant, at denise.guye@wallerlaw.com.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Paul S. Davidson

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Enclosure

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