

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

May 12, 2022

IN RE:

**PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, INC. TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL
REVIEW OF RATES MECHANISM PURSUANT
TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 65-5-103(d)(6)**

**DOCKET NO.
21-00135**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION

This matter is before the Hearing Officer for consideration of the *Motion for Substitution of Witness* (“*Motion*”) filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”) on May 3, 2022. The *Motion* states that its witness, Pia Powers, will be out of the country and unavailable during the Hearing to be held on May 9, 2022. Piedmont requests that Bruce Barkley, Ms. Powers’ immediate supervisor, be allowed to appear at the Hearing and adopt her testimony.¹ Piedmont states that Mr. Barkley was directly involved in the preparation of the testimony and is familiar with and agrees with the analysis set forth within Ms. Powers’ testimonies. Along with its *Motion*, Piedmont filed revised versions of Ms. Powers’ direct, rebuttal and supplemental testimonies, with the only difference being the identification of the witness presenting and the exhibit designation. Piedmont made the Intervenor and the Hearing Officer aware of the substitution at the Pre-Hearing Conference held on May 2, 2022. The Intervenor did not object, and the Hearing Officer expressed approval of the substitution at that time. The Hearing Officer finds that Piedmont’s *Motion* is well taken and should be **GRANTED.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Monica Smith-Ashford

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

¹ *Motion*, p. 1 (May 3, 2022).