

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 15, 2021

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS)	DOCKET NO.
COMPANY, INC. TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL)	21-00135
REVIEW OF RATES MECHANISM PURSUANT)	
TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 65-5-103(d)(6))	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) to establish a procedural schedule for the orderly administration of these proceedings. At the request of the Hearing Officer, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”) and the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), the parties in this matter, filed the *Joint Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedule* on November 12, 2021. The goal and design of any procedural schedule is to efficiently move the proceedings forward to a hearing and final conclusion on the merits. Nevertheless, a procedural schedule’s effectiveness directly depends on cooperation by the parties in meeting the individual benchmark dates. Based on the agreements made by Piedmont and the Consumer Advocate regarding the procedural schedule, the Hearing Officer hereby establishes the Procedural Schedule set forth in **Exhibit A** attached to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.



Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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Due Date	Filing/Activity
November 19, 2021	Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Requests
December 3, 2021	Piedmont Responses to First Discovery Requests
December 15, 2021	Consumer Advocate's Second Discovery Requests
January 7, 2022	Piedmont Responses to Second Discovery Requests
January 26, 2022	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony
January 28, 2022	Piedmont Discovery Requests
February 3, 2022	Consumer Advocate's Responses to Discovery Requests
February 7, 2022	Piedmont Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony
February 14, 2022	Pre-Hearing Motions
February 21, 2022	Pre-Hearing Status Conference
February 28, 2022	Target Date for Hearing on Merits

- All filings shall be filed in the TPUC docket room by 2:00 p.m. (central) on the date due.
- Nothing herein restricts the parties from participating in additional informal discovery.
- Copies of all discovery exchanged between the parties shall be filed with TPUC within 3 business days of the exchange of information.
- For all spreadsheets, a copy shall be filed in Excel format with working formulas intact. This includes spreadsheets that are exhibits to Pre-filed Testimony.
- Rebuttal Testimony is limited only to issues raised in the Intervenor's Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Intervenor's testimony that is being rebutted.