

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 23, 2023

IN RE:

PETITION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2023
ANNUAL REVIEW OF RATES MECHANISM
PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 65-5-
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DOCKET NO.
23-00035

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter came 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. On May 19, 2023, along with its 2023 Annual Rate Review Filing, Piedmont Natural Gas Company (“Piedmont” or the “Company”) filed a *Joint Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedule* setting forth a proposed schedule that was created in consultation with the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”). 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/Deadline	Filing/Activity
May 19, 2023	Piedmont's Filing
June 5, 2023	Consumer Advocate's 1st Discovery Request
June 21, 2023	Piedmont's Response to 1st Discovery Request
June 28, 2023	Consumer Advocate's 2nd Discovery Request
July 12, 2023	Piedmont's Response to 2nd Discovery
August 2, 2023	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony
August 7, 2023	Piedmont's 1st Discovery Request
August 14, 2023	Consumer Advocate's Response to 1st Discovery Request
August 18, 2023	Piedmont's Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony
August 21, 2021	Settlement Agreement Filed (if applicable)
September 1, 2023	Pre-Hearing Motions
September 5, 2023	Pre-Hearing Status Conference
September 11, 2023	Target Hearing Date

- 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.