

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Nashville, Tennessee

AUG 27 1996

**IN RE: PETITION OF NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY,)
 A DIVISION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS)
 COMPANY, INC., FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF)
 ITS RATES AND CHARGES)**

DOCKET NO. 96-00977

ORDER

This matter is before the Authority upon the petition of Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Company") filed on July 29, 1996 to Recommence the above-styled case which was filed on May 31, 1996.


The Company avers that it filed its Petition pursuant to our Administrative Order No. 1 (the "Order"), dated July 18, 1996 and the notice of the same date. After examining the Petition and the attachments thereto, we find that the Company has fully and timely complied with our Order to recommence a case by filing a Petition with us to recommence the case within fourteen (14) days of our Order and Notice together with a copy of the original Petition that was filed with the Public Service Commission (PSC) and an agreement by the parties to stipulate to the record before the PSC, including pre-filed testimony not admitted into evidence. We are of the opinion that we should grant the relief prayed for.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Company having fully complied with all the procedures set out in our Order and Notice of July 18, 1996, the above-styled case, filed on May 31, 1996, is recommenced before the Authority under the same Docket No. 96-00977.

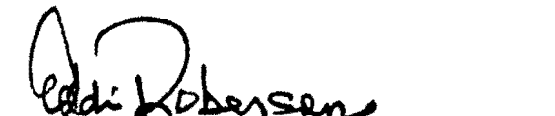
2. All filings, including Petitions, pre-filed testimony, Petitions of Intervenors, Orders of the PSC and all other matters that were filed before the PSC are now adopted as having been filed before this Authority and are part of the record in this case as having been stipulated by the parties and adopted by the Authority, all in accordance with our Order and Notice of July 18, 1996.


CHAIRMAN


DIRECTOR


DIRECTOR

ATTEST:


INTERIM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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