

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**October 7, 1996**

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

**DOCKET NO. 96-00977**

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**ORDER  
ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF HEARING OFFICER**

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A Report and Recommendation arising from a status conference held in the above-captioned matter has been submitted for approval by the Hearing Officer, H. Edward Phillips, III. The approval of this report was considered by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (hereafter "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 1, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. After reviewing the report, as well as the appropriate portions of the record, this Authority has determined that the Report and Recommendation should be adopted in its entirety.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

- 1) That the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer, is hereby accepted and approved; and
- 2) That the schedule set forth in the Report and Recommendation be incorporated herein by reference.
- 3) That the parties shall be allowed, when practical, to serve copies of filings upon one another *via* facsimile transmission and same-day hand-delivery, however, the

parties shall not be allowed to file any pleadings or testimony in this matter with the Office of the Executive Secretary *via* facsimile transmission.

4) That any party aggrieved by the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, and

5) That any party aggrieved by the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty (60) days from and after the date of this Order.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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DIRECTOR

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