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Via Hand-Delivery

K. David Waddell  
Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Re: Application of Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., for an Adjustment of Its Rates and Charges, the Approval of Revised Tariffs and the Approval of Revised Service Regulations / Docket No. 99-00994

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and thirteen (13) copies of the Joint Petition of Ford Motor Company and Visteon Corporation for Leave to Intervene in the above referenced docket and a check for \$25.00 for the filing fee.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*D. Billye Sanders/lmb*

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Enclosures

cc: James Zietz, Esq.

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

In re: Application of Nashville Gas	)	
Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural	)	
Gas Company, Inc., for an Adjustment of	)	Docket No. 99-00994
Its Rates and Charges, the Approval of	)	
Revised Tariffs and the Approval of Revised	)	
Service Regulations	)	

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**JOINT PETITION OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY AND  
VISTEON CORPORATION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

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Ford Motor Company ("Ford") and Visteon Corporation ("Visteon") (jointly "Petitioners"), pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-5-310, hereby petition the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or the "Authority") for leave to intervene in the above referenced proceeding and to participate as their interests may appear. In support of this Petition, Ford and Visteon state the following:

1. Ford is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee.
2. Visteon, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ford, is a Delaware corporation, authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee, and currently operates a glass plant in Nashville (the "Glass Plant").
3. Ford and Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") are parties to a certain Gas Redelivery Agreement executed in January, 1998 as a bypass deferral measure. Pursuant to such Agreement, Piedmont and Ford agreed that neither party would request the TRA to change the rates under the Agreement

during the term of the Agreement. This Agreement was approved by the TRA on March 12, 1999.

4. This Agreement is in the process of being assigned from Ford to Visteon. Visteon is also in the process of becoming an independent entity, separate from Ford. Such separation between the parent, Ford, and subsidiary, Visteon, is likely to occur before this docket is closed.

5. Any increase of the rates of Nashville Gas Company approved by the TRA may affect the terms of the Agreement and the operations of the Glass Plant. Therefore, Petitioners' legal interests may be determined in this proceeding and their interests will not be adequately represented unless the Authority allows the Petitioners to intervene.

6. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will be not impaired by the intervention of Ford and Visteon.

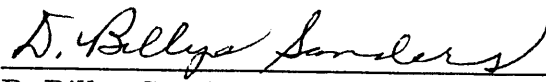
7. A hearing date has been set in this docket for June 5-8, 2000. Thus, this Petition to Intervene, being filed at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing, is timely filed.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray:

1. That they be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as parties as their interests may appear and to receive copies of all notices, orders and other documents issued or filed in this docket.

2. That Petitioners be granted such other and further relief to which they are entitled.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attorney for Ford Motor Company and  
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Certificate of Service

I, D. Billye Sanders, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition of Ford Motor Company and Visteon Corporation for Leave to Intervene and the attached proposed Order granting same, on the parties of record listed below by depositing a copy of this Petition and proposed Order in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as shown on such list on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.



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*Proposed dw*

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY AND  
VISTEON CORPORATION**

This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority upon the Petition of Ford Motor Company and Visteon Corporation for Leave to Intervene in the above captioned proceeding. It appears to the Authority that Petitioners have an interest in this matter and that Petitioners constitute interested parties pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310 and T.C.A. § 65-2-107. It further appears to the Authority that Petitioners have timely filed their Petition to Intervene and that they are entitled to intervention as a matter of right. In addition, it appears to the Authority that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing this intervention.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Joint Petition of Ford Motor Company and Visteon Corporation for Leave to Intervene in the above captioned docket be, and the same, is hereby granted.

2. That Ford Motor Company and Visteon Corporation are hereby made parties to this proceeding and shall receive copies of all notices, orders and documents in this proceeding and shall be permitted to participate in the proceedings as their interests may appear.

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Melvin J. Malone, Chairman

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H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

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Sara Kyle, Director

ATTEST:

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K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary