TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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460 James Robertson Parkway
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April 11, 2000

Mr. Ware F. Schiefer, President
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 33068
Charlotte, NC 28233

Re: Docket No. 99-00994

Dear Mr. Schiefer:

To further the Staff's analysis of the reasonableness of the rates filed December 30, 1999 by Nashville Gas Company, we request that you furnish six copies of the information itemized in the attachment to this letter titled, Staff Request April 11, 2000.

Please comply with the following instructions for compiling the data requested:

1.   Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a loose-leaf binder with each item tabbed. Each response should begin by restating the item(s) requested.

2.   Where a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6.

3.   Careful attention should be given to copied material to insure that it is legible.

If there is a need for clarification of this request, please contact Michael Horne at (615) 741-2904, extension 174 before furnishing the response. Please furnish the requested information by April 25, 2000.

Sincerely,

David Waddell
Executive Secretary

99-00994/SR-5

Attachment

cc: Ted G. Pappas
        Jerry W. Amos
        Michael Horne
        Legal Division
        Consumer Advocate Division
        Pat Murphy
        David McClanahan

NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY

STAFF REQUEST

April 11, 2000

93.   I used the August 1999 ending balance of $132,121,210 (Data Response 40) as my starting point to determine the accumulated depreciation for the attrition period. After adding additions, subtracting retirements and salvage values, and adding depreciation on the Joint Property, I came up with a larger number at 11/30/00 for accumulated depreciation than you have.

You start with $124,654,532 on your exhibit ACC-DEPR-2, add in the additions and do not show any retirements, salvage values, or additional depreciation for Joint Property. Please explain the difference. Perhaps you are using average and I am using actual plus projected.