

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 18, 2000

IN RE:)
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APPLICATION OF NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY,) **DOCKET NO. 99-00994**
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)

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a Hearing held on June 5, 2000 upon the Application of Nashville Gas Company (the "Company" or "Nashville Gas"), an operating division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") for a general rate increase, the approval of revised tariffs, and the approval of revised service regulations.

Background

On December 30, 1999, Nashville Gas filed an application for an adjustment of its rates and charges, the approval of revised tariffs, and the approval of revised service regulations. In that filing, Nashville Gas sought an increase in its annual revenues of \$10,687,612. After the discovery of certain errors in the Company's filing, the most notable of which were related to the computation of construction work in progress and accumulated depreciation, Nashville Gas's attrition period revenue deficiency was reduced by \$620,063 to \$10,067,549.