

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 642
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 697

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)	
Company, Inc., for Approval of Annual)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSIONS
Adjustment of Rates Under Appendix E)	OF TIME
of its Service Regulations)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On November 23, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Approving Stipulation in Docket Nos. G-9, Subs 631 and 642 approving changes proposed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont) and the Public Staff to Piedmont's initial integrity management rider (IMR). The IMR mechanism is incorporated into Piedmont's approved tariffs as Appendix E to its Service Regulations. Appendix E provides, among other things, that Piedmont shall file an annual IMR Report by October 31, the Public Staff and other intervenors shall have until the following February 15 to file a report detailing their review of Piedmont's IMR Report, and Piedmont shall have until March 1 to respond to any such Public Staff and intervenor reports.

On February 14, 2017, in Docket Nos. G-9, Subs 642 and 697, the Public Staff filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend to March 1, 2017, the Public Staff's time to file a report regarding Piedmont's most recent IMR Report, filed by Piedmont on October 31, 2016, and extend Piedmont's time to respond to March 15, 2017. In summary, the Public Staff states that it has been working diligently on its report, but it needs additional time to finalize the report. Further, the Public Staff states that Piedmont does not object to the granting of the extensions of time.

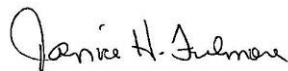
Based on the Public Staff's motion and the record, the Chairman finds good cause to extend the date for the Public Staff and other intervenors to file a report regarding Piedmont's most recent IMR Report to March 1, 2017, and to extend the date for Piedmont to file a response to March 15, 2017.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of February, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk