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Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis  
Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street, Dobbs Building  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

**Re: Docket No. G-9, Sub 701**

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") hereby submits a First Amendment to Receipt Interconnect Agreement ("Amendment") between Piedmont and Optima KV, LLC ("Optima"). This Amendment is confidential in nature and, therefore, Piedmont hereby designates it as such and as the proprietary trade secret of Piedmont pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2.

This Amendment revises certain provisions of the underlying Receipt Interconnect Agreement between Piedmont and Optima relating to the characterization of capital payments made by Optima to Piedmont which were mistakenly mischaracterized in the original agreement. No other customer will be impacted by the Amendment and Piedmont submits that the proposed Amendment is in the public interest and should be approved along with the underlying Receipt Interconnect Agreement. Piedmont respectfully requests such approvals at the Commission's earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions about this filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

/s/ James H. Jeffries IV  
James H. Jeffries IV

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Enclosure

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