

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 742

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas)	ORDER APPROVING RATE
Company, Inc., for an Adjustment of its)	ADJUSTMENTS EFFECTIVE
Rates and Charges to Track Changes)	MARCH 1, 2019
in its Wholesale Costs of Gas)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 15, 2019, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont), filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4, Commission Rule R1-17(k)(3), and Appendix A of Piedmont's North Carolina Service Regulations, seeking authority to decrease its sales rates by \$1.0190 per dekatherm (dt) and its transportation rates by \$0.0190 per dt effective March 1, 2019. The decrease is a result of a change in its Benchmark Cost of Gas from the current rate of \$3.75 per dt to \$2.75 per dt.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its February 25, 2019, Regular Staff Conference. The Public Staff stated it had reviewed the application and recommended approval as filed.

Based upon the review of the application and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed rate changes should be allowed to become effective as filed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

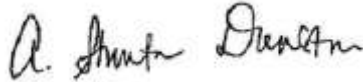
1. That Piedmont is authorized to decrease its sales rates by \$1.0190 per dt effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 2019.
2. That Piedmont is authorized to decrease its transportation rates by \$0.0190 per dt effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 2019.
3. That Piedmont shall file revised tariffs consistent with Ordering Paragraphs 1 and 2 within five (5) days of the date of this Order.

4. That Piedmont shall give notice to its customers of the rate changes authorized by this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 27th day of February, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Shonta Dunston".

A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk

Commissioners James G. Patterson and Lyons Gray did not participate in this decision.