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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 727

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Pursuant to G. S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6), I have enclosed the *Direct* Testimony of Sarah E. Stabley, the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Gennifer Raney, and the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of MaryBeth Tomlinson attesting to the prudence of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s gas purchasing practices and the accuracy of Piedmont's gas cost accounting for the twelve month period ended May 31, 2018.

The required fifteen copies of these documents are being sent to the Commission's office via FedEx Overnight.

If you have any questions regarding 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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Enclosures

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