

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 837

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company,)	
Inc., for an Adjustment of Rates, Charges, and)	
Tariffs Applicable to Service in North Carolina,)	ORDER ESTABLISHING
Continuation of its IMR Mechanism, Adoption of)	GENERAL RATE CASE AND
New Depreciation Rates for its Utility Property,)	SUSPENDING RATES
Regulatory Asset Accounting Treatment for)	
Certain Operating Expenses, and Other Relief)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 1, 2024, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont or the Company), filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its rates for customers in North Carolina effective May 1, 2024, and other relief. Piedmont stated that it intends to make supplemental filings to update its application with actual amounts as of June 30, 2024, and with actual amounts for the new primary customer information system that will be placed into service in July 2024 and two energy reliability centers that will be placed into service in August 2024 as part of the Company's Eastern Carolina Economic Expansion Project.

The Commission finds that the application constitutes a general rate case and that the proposed new rates should be suspended pending investigation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That this proceeding is declared a general rate case pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133 and Commission Rule R1-17;
2. That the proposed new rates are suspended until January 26, 2025, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-134, which provides that the Commission may suspend rates for up to 270 days;
3. That the test year period is established as the 12-month period ending December 31, 2023; and

4. That the Commission shall issue an order scheduling hearings, establishing procedural and filing requirements, and requiring public notice at a later date.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 22nd day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamika D. Conyers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'C'.

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk