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January 12, 2009

Ms. Renne Vance Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 North Salisbury Street, Dobbs Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

Re: Docket No. G-9, Sub 550

Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Adjustment

Dear Ms. Vance:

In accordance with provisions set forth in Appendix C of the Company's Service Regulations as approved by the Commission in the above referenced docket, Piedmont Natural Gas Company files the enclosed original and 17 copies of the computation of the Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Adjustment by rate schedule for November 2008.

For billing cycles for the month of November 2008, the calculation results in an amount to be collected from residential customers of \$1,413,372 and an amount to be collected from commercial customers of \$857,426. The total Margin Decoupling Adjustment for November 2008 is \$2,270,798.

The average temperature for the November days included in these billing cycles was colder than normal. Actual usage for this period was 674,347 dekatherms less than the projected normal. This resulted in avoided commodity costs of approximately \$5,900,540 for residential and commercial customers.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Jenny Furr

Manager Regulatory Reporting

Enclosures

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Activity - a/c # 25332 November 2008 Report Debit (Credit)

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Reference</u> | Residential | Small Commercial | Medium General Service | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | Prior Mo Report | \$28,900,800 | \$8,034,315 | \$1,047,055 | \$37,982,170 |
| Monthly Activity: | | | | | |
| Margin Decoupling Adjustment | Page 2 | \$1,413,372 | \$789,218 | \$68,208 | 2,270,798 |
| (Increment) Decrements | Page 3 | (2,301,982) | (717,730) | (75,168) | (3,094,880) |
| Ending Balance Before Interest | • | 28,012,190 | 8,105,803 | 1,040,095 | 37,158,088 |
| Accrued Interest | Page 4 | 173,347 | 49,160 | 6,357 | 228,865 |
| Total Due From (To) Customers | | \$28,185,538 | \$8,154,963 | \$1,046,452 | \$37,386,953 |



Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Heating Degree Days for Margin Decoupling

| | Rate Case Normal HDD | Actual HDD 2008-09 |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug | 296.7 529.1 730.2 754.7 491.3 300.0 108.1 18.5 0.7 0.1 | 367.8 |
| Sep Oct | 2.8 84.5 | |
| | 3,316.7 | 367.8 |

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Rate Elements For Residential, SGS and MGS Rate Classes November 2008 Report

| | | Residential Service | Small General Service | Medium General Service | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Description | | Rate | Rate | Rate | | |
| | | Schedule No. | Schedule No. | Schedule No. | | |
| | | 101 | 102 | 152 | | |
| Facilities Charge | Winter | \$10.00 | \$22.00 | \$75.00 | | |
| , | Summer | \$10.00 | \$22.00 | \$75.00 | | |
| Rates (\$/th) | | · | | · | | |
| 1st Block | Winter | \$1.51111 | \$1.36840 | \$1.33089 | | |
| 2nd Block | Winter | | | \$1.31239 | | |
| 1st Block | Summer | \$1.44737 | \$1.31851 | \$1.23383 | | |
| 2nd Block | Summer | | | \$1.19588 | | |
| BCGC (\$/th) | | \$0.87500 | \$0.87500 | \$0.87500 | | |
| LUAF (\$/th) | | \$0.01663 | \$0.01663 | \$0.01663 | | |
| Commodity Cost Increment (\$/th) | Winter | \$0.03844 | \$0.03844 | \$0.03844 | | |
| , , | Summer | \$0.03844 | \$0.03844 | \$0.03844 | | |
| Fixed Gas Costs (\$/th) | | | | | | |
| 1st Block | Winter | \$0.10805 | \$0.08872 | \$0.06546 | | |
| 2nd Block | Winter | | | \$0.04696 | | |
| 1st Block | Summer | \$0.04431 | \$0.03883 | \$0.06496 | | |
| 2nd Block | Summer | | | \$0.02701 | | |
| R Factors (\$/th) | | | | | | |
| 1st Block | Winter | \$0.39805 | \$0.31142 | \$0.31142 | | |
| 2nd Block | Winter | | | \$0.31142 | | |
| 1st Block | Summer | \$0.39805 | \$0.31142 | \$0.21486 | | |
| 2nd Block | Summer | | | \$0.21486 | | |
| Margin Decoupling Temporaries | | \$0.07494 | \$0.03819 | \$0.02394 | | |

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Computation of Refunds and (Collections) Through Temporaries November 2008 Report Debit (Credit)

| <u>ltem</u> | Reference | Residential | Small Commercial | Medium General Service | |
|---|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Usage by Rate Class - therms 1 | Page 5 | 14,538,128 | 9,024,085 | 2,134,407 | |
| Rate decrement (increment)/therm | Per NCUC | (\$0.08471) | (\$0.04732) | (\$0.01452) | |
| Refunds (Collections) | | (\$1,231,525) | (\$427,020) | (\$30,992) | |
| Usage by Rate Class - therms2 | Page 5 | 14,284,185 | 7,612,205 | 1,845,314 | |
| Rate decrement (increment)/therm | Per NCUC | (\$0.07494) | (\$0.03819) | (\$0.02394) | |
| Refunds (Collections) | | (\$1,070,457) | (\$290,710) | (\$44,177) | |
| Total Refunds (Collections) | | (\$2,301,982) | (\$717,730) | (\$75,168) | |
| CUT Temporaries effective April 1, 2008 | (\$0.08471) | (\$0.04732) | (\$0.01452) | | |
| Margin Decoupling Temporaries effective | November 1, 2008 (per therm) | (\$0.07494) | (\$0.03819) | (\$0.02394) | |

^{1/} Customer bills rendered in November 2008 include usage that occurred in October 2008, which was accordingly billed at the rates effective during that period. The therms recorded on this line reflect the therms billed in November at the rates effective April 1, 2008.

^{2/} Customer bills rendered in November 2008 include usage that occurred in November 2008, which was accordingly billed at the rates effective during that period. The therms recorded on this line reflect the therms bills in November at the rates effective November 1, 2008.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Accrued Interest November 2008 Report Debit (Credit)

| <u>ltem</u> | <u>Reference</u> | Residential | Small Commercial | Medium General Service |
|--|------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | Page 1 | \$28,900,800 | \$8,034,315 | \$1,047,055 |
| Ending Balance Before Interest | Page 1 | \$28,012,190 | \$8,105,803 | \$1,040,095 |
| Average Balance Before Interest | | 28,456,495 | 8,070,059 | 1,043,575 |
| Monthly Interest Accrual Rate | Per NCUC | 0.6092% | 0.6092% | 0.6092% |
| Current Mo JE to Margin Decoupling Def Acct. | | \$173,347 | \$49,160 | \$6,357 |

Proration of Margin Decoupling Adjustment NOVEMBER 2008

| | | | | # Nov | Nov | Oct | Rate Schedule 101 | | Rate Schedule 102 | | | Rate Schedule 152 | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Nov billed | Су | cle | Cycle | Days | Prorate | Prorate | therms billed | Nov prorate | Oct prorate | therms billed | Nov prorate | Oct prorate | therms billed | Nov prorate | Oct prorate |
| <u>Cycles</u> | <u>Da</u> | <u>tes</u> | <u>Length</u> | <u>Prorated</u> | <u>Percent</u> | <u>Percent</u> | by cycle | therms billed | therms billed | by cycle | therms billed | therms billed | by cycle | therms billed | therms billed |
| | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| 1 | 9/30/08 | 10/30/08 | 30 | 0 | 0.00% | 100.00% | 752,341 | 0 | 752,341 | - | 0 | 584,930 | | 0 | 217,042 |
| 2 | 10/1/08 | 11/1/08 | 31 | 1 | 3.23% | 96,77% | 1,093,980 | 35,336 | 1,058,644 | - | 24,138 | 723,179 | - | 4,438 | 132,972 |
| 3 | 10/2/08 | 11/3/08 | 32 | 3 | 9.38% | 90,62% | 929,206 | 87,160 | 842,046 | | 64,870 | 626,708 | | 21,186 | 204,675 |
| 4 | 10/3/08 | 11/4/08 | 32 | 4 | 12.50% | 87,50% | 760,192 | 95,024 | 665,168 | | 110,386 | 772,705 | - | 30,880 | 216,163 |
| 5 | 10/6/08 | 11/5/08 | 30 | 5 | 16.67% | 83.33% | 1,150,674 | 191,817 | 958,857 | 757,462 | 126,269 | 631,193 | 123,685 | 20,618 | 103,067 |
| 6 | 10/7/08 | 11/6/08 | 30 | 6 | 20.00% | 80.00% | 1,334,318 | 266,864 | 1,067,454 | 516,270 | 103,254 | 413,016 | 164,460 | 32,892 | 131,568 |
| 7 | 10/8/08 | 11/7/08 | 30 | 7 | 23.33% | 76.67% | 1,637,988 | 382,143 | 1,255,845 | 880,278 | 205,369 | 674,909 | 167,582 | 39,097 | 128,485 |
| 8 | 10/9/08 | 11/10/08 | 32 | 10 | 31,25% | 68.75% | 1,046,707 | 327,096 | 719,611 | 470,446 | 147,014 | 323,432 | 77,889 | 24,340 | 53,549 |
| 9 | 10/13/08 | 11/11/08 | 29 | 11 | 37.93% | 62.07% | 1,548,921 | 587,506 | 961,415 | 1,227,833 | 465,717 | 762,116 | 349,850 | 132,698 | 217,152 |
| 10 | 10/14/08 | 11/12/08 | 29 | 12 | 41.38% | 58.62% | 1,348,710 | 558,096 | 790,614 | 655,650 | 271,308 | 384,342 | 134,812 | 55,785 | 79,027 |
| 11 | 10/15/08 | 11/13/0B | 29 | 13 | 44.83% | 55.17% | 1,312,855 | 588,553 | 724,302 | 747,812 | 335,244 | 412,568 | 92,806 | 41,605 | 51,201 |
| 12 | 10/16/08 | 11/14/08 | 29 | 14 | 48.28% | 51.72% | 1,687,462 | 814,707 | 872,755 | 1,133,400 | 547,206 | 586,194 | 304,478 | 147,002 | 157,476 |
| 13 | 10/17/08 | 11/15/08 | 29 | 15 | 51.72% | 48.28% | 1,155,932 | 597,848 | 558,084 | 928,011 | 479,967 | 448,044 | 215,897 | 111,662 | 104,235 |
| 14 | 10/20/08 | 11/17/08 | 28 | 17 | 60,71% | 39.29% | 1,266,601 | 768,953 | 497,648 | 1,186,847 | 720,535 | 466,312 | 219,563 | 133,297 | 86,266 |
| 15 | 10/21/08 | 11/18/08 | 28 | 18 | 64.29% | 35.71% | 1,629,745 | 1,047,763 | 581,982 | 598,747 | 384,934 | 213,813 | 127,025 | 81,664 | 45,361 |
| 16 | 10/22/08 | 11/19/08 | 28 | 19 | 67.86% | 32.14% | 2,269,382 | 1,540,003 | 729,379 | 1,134,094 | 769,596 | 364,498 | 173,460 | 117,710 | 55,750 |
| 17 | 10/23/08 | 11/20/08 | 28 | 20 | 71.43% | 28.57% | 2,099,131 | 1,499,409 | 599,722 | 827,094 | 590,793 | 236,301 | 176,163 | 125,833 | 50,330 |
| 18 | 10/24/08 | 11/21/08 | 28 | 21 | 75.00% | 25.00% | 1,670,075 | 1,252,556 | 417,519 | 693,010 | 519,758 | 173,253 | 159,566 | 119,675 | 39 892 |
| 19 | 10/27/08 | 11/24/08 | 28 | 24 | 85.71% | 14.29% | 2,158,361 | 1,849,931 | 308,430 | 1,048,110 | 898,335 | 149,775 | 150,362 | 128,875 | 21,487 |
| 20 | 10/28/08 | 11/25/08 | 28 | 25 | 89.29% | 10.71% | 999,226 | 892,209 | 107,017 | 302,617 | 270,207 | 32,410 | 54,806 | 48,936 | 5,870 |
| 21 | 10/29/08 | 11/26/08 | 28 | 26 | 92.86% | 7.14% | 970,506 | 901,212 | 69,294 | _ | 577,304 | | | 427,120 | 32,841 |
| 21-M | 10/31/08 | 11/30/08 | 30 | 30 | 100,00% | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ó | 0 | | 0 | o |
| | | | | | | | 28,822,313 | 14,284,185 | 14,538,128 | 16,636,290 | 7,612,205 | 9,024,085 | 3,979,721 | 1,845,314 | 2,134,407 |