

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 550  
DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 550B

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. –	)	ORDER ON MARGIN
Margin Decoupling Mechanism Deferred	)	DECOUPLING MECHANISM
Account Reports	)	REPORTS

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On October 24, 2008, the Commission issued an Order Approving Partial Rate Increase and Requiring Conservation Program Filing and Reporting in Docket No. G-9, Sub 550. In that order, the Commission approved the use of a Margin Decoupling Mechanism by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont). Monthly reports on the operation of the Margin Decoupling Mechanism are required pursuant to Paragraph 4 of Appendix C of Piedmont's Service Regulations.

For ease of administration, the Commission finds good cause to require the filing of those monthly reports in a new Docket No. G-9, Sub 550B, rather than in Docket No. G-9, Sub 550. The Margin Decoupling Deferred Account report for November 2008 filed January 13, 2009 in Docket No. G-9, Sub 550 will be transferred to Docket No. G-9, Sub 550B.

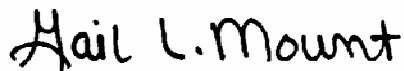
The petitions for approval of bi-annual adjustment of rates under Appendix C will each be filed in a new, separate docket.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Gail L. Mount, Deputy Clerk