

April 11, 2013

Ms. Gail Mount Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 North Salisbury Street Dobbs Building, Suite 5063 Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

Re: Docket No. G-9, Sub 550B

Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Adjustment

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Dear Ms. Mount:

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 25 copies of the computation of the Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Adjustment by rate schedule for February 2013.

For billing cycles for the month of February 2013, the calculation results in an amount to be collected from residential customers of \$2,144,146 and an amount to be collected from commercial customers of \$253,726. The total Margin Decoupling Adjustment for February 2013 is \$2,397,872.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Jenny Furr

Manager Regulatory Reporting

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Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Activity - a/c # 25332 February 2013 Report Debit (Credit)

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Reférence</u> | Residential | Small Commercial | Medium General Service | Total |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | Prior Mo Report | \$35,857,464 | \$8,817,672 | \$1,659,304 | 46,334,439 |
| Monthly Activity: | • | | | , | · · |
| Margin Decoupling Adjustment | Page 2 | 2,144,146 | 149,641 | 104,085 | 2;397,872 |
| (Increment) Decrement | Page 3 | (6,856,646) | (1,343,365) | (241,367) | (8,441,378) |
| Ending Balance Before Interest | • | 31,144,964 | 7,623,948 | 1,522,022 | 40,290,933 |
| Accrued Interest | Page 4 | 204,078 | 50,078 | 9,690 | 263,846 |
| Total Due From (To) Customers | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 31,349,042 | 7,674,026 | 1,531,712 | 40,554,779 |

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Computation of Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Adjustment Debit (Credit) February 2013 Report

Based on Cycle Billing

| Line No. | · · · · · · | | Residential Small Gener Service Service Description Rate Rate Schedule No. Schedule No. 101 102 | | Medium General Service Rate Schedule No. 152 | Total | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------|---|--|--|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Normal Degree Days /1 | Page 2A | 754.7 | 754.7 | 754.7 | | |
| 2 | Base Load /1 | (th/month) | 12.0381 | , 126.3458 | 5980,4393 | | ĺ |
| 3 | Heat Sensitivity Factor /1 | (th/HDD) | 0.1468 | 0.5849 | 9.4451 | | |
| | Usage/HDD/Customer | (th) | 122.828 | 567.770 | 13,108.656 | | |
| | RATE CAS | E | 0 | | | | - |
| 5 | No. of Customers (Actual) | | 622,273 | 66,661 | 455 | | 1 |
| | Total Normalized Usage | (th) | 76,432,585.380 | 37,848,104.638 | 5,964,438.603 | 120,245,129 | |
| 7 | R Factor /1 | (\$/th) | \$0.39805 | \$0.31142 | \$0.31142 | , , | |
| 8 | Normalized Margin | (\$) | \$30,423,991 | \$11,786,657 | \$1,857,445 | \$44,068,093 | |
| , | ACTUAL | | | Secretary of the secret | | | |
| 9 | No. of Customers (Actual) | | 622,273 | 66,661 | 455 | | |
| 10 | Actual Usage | (th) | 71,045,961 | 37,367,595 | 5,630,211 | 114,043,767 | |
| 11 | R Factor /1 | (\$/th) | \$0.39805 | \$0.31142 | \$0.31142 | | · · |
| 12 | R Factor Margin Revenues | (\$) | \$28,279,845 | \$11,637,016 | \$1,753,360 | \$41,670,221 | |
| 13 | Margin Decoupling Adj | | \$2,144,146 | \$149,641 | \$104,085 | \$2,397,872 | Total Owed To C |

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Owed To Company (Customer)

Note: /1 - Per Docket No. G-9, Sub 550, Stipulation - Exhibit D

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

| | Rate Case Normal HDD | Actual HDD 2012-13 | Diff | |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Nov | 296.7 | 372.6 | (75.9) | colder |
| Dec | 529.1 | 475.6 | 53.5 | warmer |
| Jan | 730.2 | 583.4 | 146.8 | warmer |
| Feb | 754.7 | 708.6 | 46.1 | warmer |
| Mar | 491.3 | ~ | 491.3 | |
| Apr | 300.0 | | 300.0 | |
| May | 108.1 | , | 108.1 | |
| Jun | 18.5 | | 18.5 | |
| Jul | 0.7 | | 0.7 | |
| Aug | 0.1 | | 0.1 | , |
| Sep | 2.8 | | . 2.8 | |
| Oct | 84.5 | | 84.5 | |
| | 3,316.7 | 2,140.2 | | |

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Rate Elements For Residential, SGS and MGS Rate Classes February 2013 Report

| | · , | Residential | Small General | Medium General |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| A. | | Service | Service | Service |
| Description | | Rate | Rate | Rate |
| · | | Schedule No. 101 | Schedule No. 102 | Schedule No. 152 |
| , | | <u></u> - | , | - |
| Facilities Charge | Winter | \$10.00 | \$22.00 | \$75.00 |
| · | Summer | \$10.00 | \$22.00 | \$75,00 |
| Rates (\$/th) | á | | | • |
| 1st Block | Winter | \$0.94117 | \$0.76911 | \$0.74415 |
| 2nd Block | Winter | | | \$0.71909 |
| 1st Block | Summer | \$0.84689 | \$0.70818 | \$0.64792 |
| 2nd Block | Summer | | • | \$0.59642 |
| BCGC (\$/th) | | \$0.30000 | \$0.30000 | \$0.30000 |
| LUAF (\$/th) | | \$0.00569 | \$0.00569 | \$0.00569 |
| Commodity Cost Increment (\$/th) | Winter | (\$0.02851) | (\$0.02851) | (\$0.02851) |
| | Summer | (\$0.02851) | (\$0.02851) | (\$0.02851) |
| Fixed Gas Costs (\$/th) | • | | | |
| 1st Block | Winter | \$0.16943 | \$0.14456 | \$0.11268 |
| 2nd Block | Winter | | | \$0.08762 |
| 1st Block | Summer | \$0.07515 | \$0.08363 | \$0.11301 |
| 2nd Block | Summer | | | \$0.06151 |
| 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 | | \$0.09651 | \$0.03595 | \$0.04287 |

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Computation of Refunds and (Collections) Through Temporaries February 2013 Report Debit (Credit)

| <u>ltem</u> | <u>Reference</u> | Residential | Small Commercial | Medium General Service |
|---|---------------------|--|--|---|
| Usage by Rate Class - therms Rate decrement (increment)/therm Refunds (Collections) | Page 2 Per NCUC | 71,045,961 (\$0.09651) (\$6,856,646) | 37,367,595 (\$0.03595) (\$1,343,365) | 5,630,211 (\$0.04287) (\$241,367) |
| Margin Decoupling Temporaries effective Apr | il 2012 (per therm) | (\$0.09651) | ´(\$0.03595) | (\$0.04287) |

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Accrued Interest February 2013 Report Debit (Credit)

| <u>ltem</u> | Reference | Residential | Small Commercial | Medium General Service |
|--|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | | • | • | ` |
| Beginning Balance | Page 1 | \$35,857,464 | \$8,817,672 | \$1,659,304 |
| Ending Balance Before Interest | Page 1 * | <u>\$31,144,964</u> | \$7,623,948 | \$1,522,022 |
| Average Balance Before Interest | | 33,501,214 | 8,220,810 | 1,590,663 |
| Monthly Interest Accrual Rate | Per NCUC | 0.6092% | 0.6092% | 0.6092% |
| Current Mo JE to Margin Decoupling Def Acct. | • | \$204,078 | \$50,078 | \$9,690 |