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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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 701

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

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Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") hereby submits a Receipt Interconnect Agreement ("Agreement") between Piedmont and Optima KV, LLC ("Supplier"). This Agreement is confidential in nature and, therefore, Piedmont hereby designates it as such and as the proprietary trade secret of Piedmont pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2.

This Agreement relates to the construction of new natural gas distribution lines and facilities in order to receive Alternative Gas supplies from the Supplier at the Receipt Point designated therein and the establishment, subject to further Commission action in Docket G-9, Sub 698, of gas quality standards for Alternative Gas supplies to be delivered by Supplier to Piedmont. No other customer will be impacted by the Agreement and Piedmont submits that the proposed Agreement is in the public interest and should be approved. Piedmont respectfully requests approval of this Agreement at the Commission's earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions about 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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Enclosure

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