

February 9, 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 **B** 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 December 2008.

For billing cycles for the month of December 2008, the calculation results in an amount to be refunded to residential customers of \$3,326,415 and an amount to be refunded to commercial customers of \$1,018,628. The total Margin Decoupling Adjustment for December 2008 is \$4,345,043.

The average temperature for the December days included in these billing cycles was colder than normal. Actual usage for this period was 1,162,769 DT's more than the projected normal.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Jenny Furr Manager Regulatory Reporting

Enclosures

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

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Description	<u>Reference</u>	Residential	Small Commercial	Medium General Service	Total
Beginning Balance	Prior Mo Report	\$28,185,538	\$8,154,963	\$1,046,452	\$37,386,953
Monthly Activity:					
Margin Decoupling Adjustment	Page 2	(\$3,326,415)	(\$1,009,187)	(\$9,441)	(4,345,043)
(increment) Decrements	Page 3	(4,640,171)	(1,209,901)	(128,714)	(5,978,786)
Ending Balance Before Interest		20,218,952	5,935,875	908,297	27,063,124
Accrued Interest	Page 4	147,432	42,918	5,954	196,304
Total Due From (To) Customers		\$20,366,384	\$5,978,793	\$914,251	\$27,259,428

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### Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Computation of Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Adjustment Debit (Credit) December 2008 Report

1         Normal Degree Days /1         Page 2A         529.1         529.1         529.1           2         Base Load /1         (th/month)         12.03810         126.34580         5980.43930           3         Heat Sensitivity Factor /1         (th/HDD)         0.14680         0.58490         9.44510           4         Usage/HDD/Customer         (th)         90         436         10,978	
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4 Usage/HDD/Customer (tb) 1 90 436 10 978	
RATE CASE	
5 No. of Customers (Actual) 597,054 65,258 487	
6 Total Normalized Usage (th) 53,561,702 28,440,506 5,346,209 87,348,4	17
7 R Factor /1 (\$/th) \$0.39805 \$0.31142 \$0.31142	
8 Normalized Margin [199] (\$)]]] [10] [20] [21] [22] [22] [22] [22] [22] [22] [22	94:
ACTUAL	
9 No. of Customers (Actual) 597,054 65,258 487	
10 Actual Usage (th) <u>61,918,480 31,681,104 5,376,524</u> 98,976,1	) 8C
11 R Factor /1 (\$/th) \$0.39805 \$0.31142 \$0.31142	
12 R Factor Margin Revenues :: (\$)	37
\$13 Margin Decoupling Adj :: (\$3,326,415) (\$1,009,187)	43)

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 2008-09
Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar	296.7 529.1 730.2 754.7 491.3	367.8 682.8
Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct	300.0 108.1 18.5 0.7 0.1 2.8 84.5	
	3,316.7	1,050.6

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

		Residential Service	Small General	Medium General	
Description		Rate	Rate	Rate Schedule No.	
		Schedule No.	Schedule No.		
			102	152	
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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 December 2008 Report Debit (Credit)

<u>item</u>	Reference	Residential	Small Commercial	Medium General Service
Usage by Rate Class - therms2	Page 2	61,918,480	31,681,104	5,376,524
Rate decrement (increment)/therm	Per NCUC	(\$0.07494)	(\$0.03819)	(\$0.02394)
Refunds (Collections)		(\$4,640,171)	(\$1,209,901)	(\$128,714)
Margin Decoupling Temporaries effective No	vember 1, 2008 (per therm)	(\$0.07494)	(\$0.03819)	(\$0.02394)

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

ltem	<u>Reference</u>	Residential	Small Commercial	Medium General Service
Beginning Balance	Page 1	\$28,185,538	\$8,154,963	\$1,046,452
Ending Balance Before Interest	Page 1	\$20,218,952	<u>\$5,935,875</u>	\$908,297
Average Balance Before Interest		24,202,245	7,045,419	977,375
Monthly Interest Accrual Rate	Per NCUC	0.6092%	0.6092%	0.6092%
Current Mo JE to Margin Decoupling Def Acct.		\$147,432	\$42,918	\$5,954

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