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September 11, 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 550B 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 25 copies of the computation of the Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Adjustment by rate schedule for July 2009.

For billing cycles for the month of July 2009, the calculation results in an amount to be collected from residential customers of \$159,605 and an amount to be collected from commercial customers of \$58,241. The total Margin Decoupling Adjustment for July 2009 is \$217,846.

The average temperature for the July days included in these billing cycles was warmer than normal. Actual usage for this period was 76,309 dekatherms less than the projected normal. This resulted in avoided commodity costs of approximately \$496,006 for residential and commercial customers.

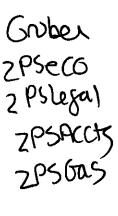
Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Jenny Furr Manager Regulatory Reporting

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Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Activity - a/c # 25332 July 2009 Report Debit (Credit)

Description	Reference	Residential	Small Commercial	Medium General	Total
Beginning Balance	Prior Mo Report	\$3,300,141	(\$350,869)	\$952,751	\$3,902,024
Monthly Activity:					
Margin Decoupling Adjustment	Page 2	\$159,605	(\$63,099)	\$121,340	217,846
(Increment) Decrement	Page 3	(312,010)	(191,095)	(46,755)	(549,860)
Ending Balance Before Interest	•	3,147,737	(605,063)	1,027,336	3,570,010
Accrued Interest	Page 4	19,639	(2,912)	6,031	22,758
Total Due From (To) Customers		3,167,376	(\$607,975)	\$1,033,367	\$3,592,768

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Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Computation of Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Adjustment Debit (Credit) July 2009 Report

			Residential	Smatl General	Medium General	
	Pasaduálan		Service	Service	Service	
Line No.	Descriptk	DN	Rate Schedule No.	Rate Schedule No.	Rate Schedule No.	Total
			101	<u>102</u>	<u>152</u>	
	No		0.7			
1	Normal Degree Days /1	Page 2A	0.7	0.7	0.7	
2	Base Load /1	(th/month)	12.0381	126.3458	5980.4393	
3	Heat Sensitivity Factor /1	(th/HDD)	0.1468	0.5849	9.4451	
4	Usage/HDD/Customer	(th)	12.1409	126.7552	5,987.0509	
	RATE CAS					
5	No. of Customers (Actual)	36	584,628	64,149	462	
	Total Normalized Usage	(th)	7,097,886.7001	8,131,221.2493	2,766,017.5019	17,995,125
7	R Factor /1	(\$/th)	\$0.39805	\$0.31142	\$0.21486	
	Normalized Margin	(\$)	\$2,825,314	\$2,532,225	\$594,307	\$5,951,846
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	ACTUAL	-				
	No. of Customers (Actual)		584,628	64,149	462	
	Actual Usage	(th)	6,696,921	8,333,837	2,201,281	17,232,039
11	R Factor /1	(\$/th)	\$0.39805	\$0.31142	\$0.21486	
12	R Factor Margin Revenues	(\$)	\$2,665,709	\$2,595,324	\$472,967	\$5,734,000
13	Margin Decoupling Adj		\$159,605	(\$63,099)	\$121,340	\$217,846
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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	296.7	367.8
Dec	529.1	682.8
Jan	730.2	617.1
Feb	754.7	728.3
Mar	491.3	563.9
Apr	300.0	333.0
May	108.1	60.9
Jun	18.5	0.0
Jul	0.7	0.0
Aug	0.1	
Sep	2.8	
Oct	84.5	

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Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Rate Elements For Residential, SGS and MGS Rate Classes July 2009 Report

		Residential Service	Small General Service	Medium General Service
Description	Rate	Rate	Rate	
		Schedule No.	Schedule No.	Schedule No.
		<u>101</u>	102	152
Facilities Charge	Winter	\$10.00	\$22.00	\$75.00
-	Summer	\$10.00	\$22.00	\$75.00
Rates (\$/th)				
1st Block	Winter	\$1.26428	\$1.13857	\$1.11719
2nd Block	Winter			\$1.10168
1st Block	Summer	\$1.20583	\$1.10082	\$1.02076
2nd Block	Summer			\$0.98897
BCGC (\$/th)		\$0.65000	\$0.65000	\$0.65000
LUAF (\$/th)		\$0.01235	\$0.01235	\$0.01235
Commodity Cost Increment (\$/th)	Winter	\$0.05230	\$0.05230	\$0.05230
	Summer	\$0.05230	\$0.05230	\$0.05230
Fixed Gas Costs (\$/th)				
1st Block	Winter	\$0.10499	\$0.08957	\$0.06988
2nd Block	Winter			\$0.05437
1st Block	Summer	\$0.04654	\$0.05182	\$0.07001
2nd Block	Summer			\$0.03822
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		\$0.04659	\$0.02293	\$0.02124

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Computation of Refunds and (Collections) Through Temporaries July 2009 Report Debit (Credit)

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ltem	<u>Reference</u>	Residential	Small Commercial	Medium General Service
Usage by Rate Class - therms2 Rate decrement (increment)/therm Refunds (Collections)	Page 2 Per NCUC	6,696,921 (\$0.04659) (\$312,010)	8,333,837 (\$0.02293) (\$191,095)	2,201,281 (\$0.02124) (\$46,755)
Margin Decoupling Temporaries effective Ap	ril 1, 2009 (per therm)	(\$0.04659)	(\$0.02293)	(\$0.02124)

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Accrued Interest July 2009 Report Debit (Credit)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reference</u>	Residential	Small Commercial	Medium General Service
Beginning Balance	Page 1	\$3,300,141	(\$350,869)	\$952,751
Ending Balance Before Interest	Page 1	\$3,147,737	(\$605,063)	\$1,027,336
Average Balance Before Interest		3,223,939	(477,966)	990,044
Monthly Interest Accrual Rate	Per NCUC	0.6092%	0.6092%	0.6092%
Current Mo JE to Margin Decoupling Def Acct.		\$19,639	(\$2,912)	\$6,031