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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 2011.

For billing cycles for the month of July 2011, the calculation results in an amount to be collected from residential customers of \$450,886 and an amount to be collected from commercial customers of \$113,556. The total Margin Decoupling Adjustment for July 2011 is \$564,442.

The average temperature for the July days included in these billing cycles was warmer than normal. Actual usage for this period was 165,924 dekatherms less than the projected normal. This resulted in avoided commodity costs of approximately \$705,178 for residential and commercial customers.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Jenny Furr

Manager Regulatory Reporting

Enclosures

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Activity - a/c # 25332 July 2011 Report Debit (Credit)

<u>Description</u>	Reference	Residential	Smail Commercial	Medium General Service	Total
Beginning Balance	Prior Mo Report	(\$1,842,590)	(\$4,107,273)	\$1,105,641	(4,844,223)
Monthly Activity:					
Margin Decoupling Adjustment	Page 2	\$450,886	\$1,387	\$112,169	564,442
(Increment) Decrement	Page 3	152,101	198,501	(34,662)	315,941
Ending Balance Before Interest	•	(1,239,603)	(3,907,385)	1,183,148	(3,963,840)
Accrued Interest	Page 4	(9,388)	(24,411)	6,971	(26,828)
Total Due From (To) Customers	•	(1,248,991)	(3,931,796)	1,190,119	(3,990,668)

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Computation of Margin Decoupling Deferred Account Adjustment Debit (Credit) July 2011 Report

Line No.	Description		Residential Small Genera			
			Rate Schedule No. 101	Rate Schedule No. 102	Rate Schedule No. 152	Total
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	
	Usage/HDD/Customer	(th)	12.1409	126.7552	5,987.0509	
	RATE CAS	BE .				
5	No. of Customers (Actual)		597,041	64,269	452	
6	Total Normalized Usage	(th)	7,248,591.1953	8,146,431.8769	2,706,146.9932	18,101,170
7	R Factor /1	(\$/th)	\$0.39805	\$0,31142	\$0.21486	
8	Normalized Margin	((\$)	\$2,885,302	\$2,536,962	\$581,443	\$6,003,707
	ACTUAL	-				
9	No. of Customers (Actual)		597,041	64,269	452	
10	Actual Usage	(th)	6,115,856	8,141,979	2,184,092	16,441,927
11	R Factor /1	(\$/th)	\$0.39805	\$0.31142	\$0.21486	
12	R Factor Margin Revenues	(\$):	\$2,434,416	\$2,535,575	\$469,274	\$5,439,265
13	Margin Decoupling Adj		\$450,886	\$1,387		\$564,442

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 2010-11
Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	296.7 529.1 730.2 754.7 491.3 300.0 108.1 18.5	307.4 708.1 930.9 779.7 379.2 290.8 69.0 0.0
Jul Aug Sep Oct	0.7 0.1 2.8 84.5	0.2
	3,316.7	3,465.3

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Rate Elements For Residential, SGS and MGS Rate Classes July 2011 Report

		Residential Service	Small General	Medium General Service	
Description	Rate	Rate	Rate		
		Schedule No.	Schedule No.	Schedule No.	
	···	101	102	152	
Facilities Charge	Winter	\$10.00	\$22.00	\$75.00	
	Summer	\$10.00	\$22.00	\$75.00	
Rates (\$/th)		·	·	·	
1st Block	Winter	\$0.97929	\$0.87830	\$0.89959	
2nd Block	Winter			\$0.88464	
1st Block	Summer	\$0.92298	\$0.84193	\$0.80314	
2nd Block	Summer			\$0.77253	
BCGC (\$/th)	•	\$0.42500	\$0.42500	\$0.42500	
LUAF (\$/th)		\$0.00807	\$0.00807	\$0.00807	
Commodity Cost Increment (\$/th)	Winter	\$0.07190	\$0.07190	\$0.07190	
	Summer	\$0.07190	\$0.07190	\$0.07190	
Fixed Gas Costs (\$/th)					
1st Block	Winter	\$0.10114	\$0.08629	\$0.06733	
2nd Block	Winter			\$0.05238	
1st Block	Summer	\$0.04483	\$0.04992	\$0.06744	
2nd Block	Summer			\$0.03683	
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		-\$0.02487	-\$0.02438	\$0.01587	

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Computation of Refunds and (Collections) Through Temporaries July 2011 Report Debit (Credit)

<u>ltem</u>	Reference	Residential	Small Commercial	Medium General Service
Usage by Rate Class - therms	Page 2	6,115,856	8,141,979	2,184,092
Rate decrement (increment)/therm	Per NCUC	\$0.02487	\$0.02438	(\$0.01587)
Refunds (Collections)		\$152,101	\$198,501	(\$34,662)
Margin Decoupling Temporaries effective Ap	ril 1, 2011 (per therm)	\$0.02487	\$0.02438	(\$0.01587)

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Accrued Interest July 2011 Report Debit (Credit)

<u>ltem</u>	<u>Reference</u>	Residential	Small Commercial	Medium General Service
Beginning Balance	Page 1	(\$1,842,590)	(\$4,107,273)	\$1,105,641
Ending Balance Before Interest	Page 1	(\$1,239,603)	(\$3,907,385)	\$1,183,148
Average Balance Before Interest		(1,541,097)	(4,007,329)	1,144,395
Monthly Interest Accrual Rate	Per NCUC	0.6092%	0.6092%	0.6092%
Current Mo JE to Margin Decoupling Def Acct.		(\$9,388)	(\$24,411)	\$6,971