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Ms. M. Lynn Jarvis  
Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street, Dobbs Building  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: Docket Nos. G-9, Sub 697 & G-9, Sub 642

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

On March 1, 2017, the Public Staff filed its annual report in this docket on the operation of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s ("Piedmont's") Integrity Management Rider ("IMR") mechanism for the twelve-month period ended September 30, 2016. Piedmont has reviewed the Public Staff's annual report and hereby informs the Commission that it has no comment on or objections to the findings and content of that report.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

/s/ James H. Jeffries IV  
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