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**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Piedmont Gas Company for an ) Case No. 09 -1862- GA-AIR  
Increase in its Rates and Charges for )  
Natural Gas Service

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**PRE-FILING NOTICE OF PIEDMONT GAS COMPANY  
OF ITS INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION  
FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES  
FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE**

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Piedmont Gas Company ("Piedmont" or "PGC") is a public utility and a natural gas company subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(6), Revised Code. PGC provides natural gas service to approximately 1,700 customers located in Tuscarawas, Coshocton, Harrison, Guernsey, and Holmes Counties, Ohio. All customers have been served pursuant to a tariff established in 1994. Piedmont has never filed a rate increase application.

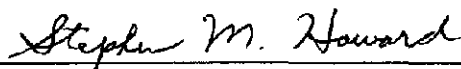
Pursuant to Chapter 1, Section B of the Commission's Standard Filing Requirements (Rule 4901-7-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Appendix) Piedmont hereby submits its pre-filing notice ("PFN") of its intent to file an application for an increase in rates and charges for natural gas service to customers throughout its service area. As part of this notice, PGC moves for approval of a test year consisting of the twelve (12) months ended December 31, 2009 and a date certain of June 30, 2009. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Section B of the Standard Filing

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Requirements, the following exhibits are attached hereto:

- (a) PFN Exhibit 1: statement of notice of intent to file for an Increase in rates the service area to be included in the application; and a proposed test year and date certain;
- (b) PFN Exhibit 2: Listing of the villages and the Mayor and legislative authority to whom notices of intent were sent pursuant to Section 4909.43(B), Revised Code;
- (c) PFN Exhibit 3: The proposed rates that are intended to replace or amend the current rates;
- (d) PFN Exhibit 4: Typical bill comparisons for each customer class.

Respectfully submitted,



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November 30, 2009

To the Mayor of Freeport and the Freeport Village Council Members:

**NOTICE OF INTENT OF PIEDMONT GAS COMPANY  
TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES  
AND CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE**

Piedmont Gas Company ("Piedmont" or "PGC") intends to file an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") for an increase in the rates and charges for natural gas service to all customers throughout its service area. PGC's current rates were established in 1994 when its rates were unbundled. The purpose of PGC's rate increase application will be to provide Piedmont with an opportunity to recover the cost of providing service and to earn a fair and reasonable return on its investment in property used to provide such service.

Therefore, in accordance with the requirements of Section 4909.18 and 4909.43(B), Revised Code, Piedmont hereby serves it notice of intent to file an application for an increase in rates and charges for natural gas service with the PUCO. PGC proposes that the test year for the analysis of accounts be the twelve (12) months ending December 31, 2009 and that the date certain for the valuation of its property be established as June 30, 2009. In compliance with Chapter I, Section A of the PUCO's Standard Filing Requirements, the rates to be proposed in the application are attached hereto as Exhibit PFN 3.

Sincerely,

Rick D. Mako  
President

**PIEDMONT GAS COMPANY**

List of the Villages and Cities served and the Mayor and Council members upon which the Notice of Intent was served:

**Village of Freeport (Harrison County)**

Mayor Terry Stine  
Village of Freeport  
P.O. Box 176  
Freeport, Ohio 43973

Joyce Tobin  
Village of Freeport  
P.O. Box 176  
Freeport, Ohio 43973

April Hart  
Village of Freeport  
P.O. Box 176  
Freeport, Ohio 43973

David Fouts, Jr.  
Village of Freeport  
P.O. Box 176  
Freeport, Ohio 43973

Donald Pettay  
Village of Freeport  
P.O. Box 176  
Freeport, Ohio 43973

William Bell  
Village of Freeport  
P.O. Box 176  
Freeport, Ohio 43973

Larry Wells  
Village of Freeport  
P.O. Box 176  
Freeport, Ohio 43973

Clerk/Treasurer Anna Cook  
Village of Freeport  
P.O. Box 176  
Freeport, Ohio 43973

Marie Karl  
Village of Freeport  
P.O. Box 176  
Freeport, Ohio 43973

**Village of Newcomerstown (Tuscarawas County)**

Mayor Steven Guy  
Village of Newcomerstown  
124 West Church Street  
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

Derek Hickman  
Village of Newcomerstown  
124 West Church Street  
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

Leman Clark  
Village of Newcomerstown  
124 West Church Street  
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

Dave Hickman  
Village of Newcomerstown  
124 West Church Street  
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

**Village of Newcomerstown (continued)**

Sue Simmons  
Village of Newcomerstown  
124 West Church Street  
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

Janet Bush  
Village of Newcomerstown  
124 West Church Street  
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

Earl McCormick  
124 West Church Street  
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

**City of Dover (Tuscarawas County)**

Mayor Richard Homrighausen  
City of Dover  
110 East Third Street  
Dover, Ohio 44622

Shane Gunnoe  
City of Dover  
110 East Third Street  
Dover, Ohio 44622

President Roy Crawford  
City of Dover  
110 East Third Street  
Dover, Ohio 44622

Tim Tarulli  
City of Dover  
110 East Third Street  
Dover, Ohio 44622

J. Marc Cappell  
City of Dover  
110 East Third Street  
Dover, Ohio 44622

Greg Bair  
City of Dover  
110 East Third Street  
Dover, Ohio 44622

Donald Maurer  
City of Dover  
110 East Third Street  
Dover, Ohio 44622

Robert Mueller  
City of Dover  
110 East Third Street  
Dover, Ohio 44622

Sandy Moss  
City of Dover  
110 East Third Street  
Dover, Ohio 44622

**Village of Strasburg (Tuscarawas County)**

Mayor John Bitikofer  
Strasburg Village Office  
358 Fifth Street SW  
Strasburg, Ohio 44680

President Bill Harstine  
Strasburg Village Office  
358 Fifth Street SW  
Strasburg, Ohio 44680

Lewis Dreher  
Strasburg Village Office  
358 Fifth Street SW  
Strasburg, Ohio 44680

Dave Jones  
Strasburg Village Office  
358 Fifth Street SW  
Strasburg, Ohio 44680

Bruce Metzger  
Strasburg Village Office  
358 Fifth Street SW  
Strasburg, Ohio 44680

Steve Smith  
Strasburg Village Office  
358 Fifth Street SW  
Strasburg, Ohio 44680

Dean Shutt  
Strasburg Village Office  
358 Fifth Street SW  
Strasburg, Ohio 44680

**Village of Sugarcreek**

Mayor Jeremiah Johnson  
Village of Sugarcreek  
410 South Broadway  
Sugarcreek, Ohio 44681

Linda Wilson  
Village of Sugarcreek  
410 South Broadway  
Sugarcreek, Ohio 44681

Arlen Hostetler  
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Tim Brown  
Village of Sugarcreek  
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Sugarcreek, Ohio 44681

Clerk/Treasurer Becky Crilow  
Village of Sugarcreek  
410 South Broadway  
Sugarcreek, Ohio 44681

**City of New Philadelphia (Tuscarawas County)**

Mayor Mike Taylor  
City of New Philadelphia  
150 East High Avenue  
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Jim Locker  
City of New Philadelphia  
150 East High Avenue  
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Colleen Espenscheid  
City of New Philadelphia  
150 East High Avenue  
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Robert Conner  
City of New Philadelphia  
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Winnie Walker  
City of New Philadelphia  
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Joel Day  
City of New Philadelphia  
150 East High Avenue  
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Darrin Lautenschleger  
City of New Philadelphia  
150 East High Avenue  
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Sandy Cox  
City of New Philadelphia  
150 East High Avenue  
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Service Director James Zucal  
City of New Philadelphia  
150 East High Avenue  
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

**PIEDMONT GAS COMPANY  
PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION RATE SCHEDULES  
FOR ALL CUSTOMERS**

1	Monthly Customer Service Charge	\$ 10.00	per month for residential customers
		\$ 40.00	per month for non-residential customers
2	Volumetric Charges	\$ 2.46	per Mcf for the first 150 Mcf per month
		1.85	per Mcf for the next 500 Mcf per month
		1.47	per Mcf for the next 1000 Mcf per month
		.93	per Mcf for all gas above 1650 Mcf per month
3	Returned Check Charge	\$ 30.00	
4	Field Collection Fee	\$ 25.00	
5	New Service Tap Charge	\$ 550.00	for any class of customers
6	Reconnection Charge	\$ 30.00	
7	Uncollectable Expense Rider	\$ .10	per Mcf
8	Gross Receipts Tax Rider	4.9252%	
9	Mcf Excise Tax Rider	\$ .1593	per Mcf for the first 100 Mcf per month
		\$ .0877	per Mcf for the next 1,900 Mcf per month
		\$ .0411	for all gas above 2,000 Mcf per month
	Flex Customer	\$ .0200	per Mcf
10	Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider (PIPP)	\$ .01	per Mcf
11	Transportation Service	\$ 2.15	per Mcf for the first 150 Mcf per month
		\$ 1.57	per Mcf for the next 500 Mcf per month
		\$ 1.20	per Mcf for the next 1000 Mcf per month
		\$ 0.70	per Mcf for all gas transported over 1650 Mcf per month

**PIEDMONT GAS COMPANY  
CASE NO. 09- 1862-GA-AIR  
TYPICAL DISTRIBUTION BILL COMPARISON**

Line No.	Rate Code	Level of Volume Mcf/Month	Current Bill	Proposed Bill	Dollar Increase	Base Rate % Increase	GCR Additions to Bill	Current Bill Incl. GCR	Proposed Bill Incl. GCR	Dollar Increase	Total % Increase
1		0	\$ 5.00	\$10.49	\$5.49	.6938	\$5.5201	\$5.00	\$10.49	\$5.49	52.34%
2		1	6.70	13.36	6.66	.6938	5.5201	12.22	19.15	6.93	36.19%
3		5	13.50	24.76	11.26	.6938	5.5201	41.10	53.72	12.62	23.49%
4		10	22.00	39.10	17.10	.6938	5.5201	77.20	97.02	19.82	20.43%
5		20	39.00	67.77	28.77	.6938	5.5201	149.40	183.61	34.21	18.63%
6		30	56.00	96.40	40.40	.6938	5.5201	211.60	270.16	48.56	17.97%
7		40	73.00	125.04	52.04	.6938	5.5201	293.80	356.72	62.92	17.64%
8		50	90.00	153.68	63.68	.6938	5.5201	366.01	443.28	77.27	17.43%
9		75	131.50	225.27	93.77	.6938	5.5201	545.51	659.67	114.16	17.31%
10		100	175.00	296.87	121.87	.6938	5.5201	727.01	876.07	149.06	17.01%
11		250	390.00	651.16	281.16	.6938	5.5201	1,750.03	2,099.15	349.13	16.63%
12		500	715.00	1188.29	558.29	.6938	5.5201	3,390.05	4,084.28	694.23	17.00%
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