

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) The Commission has caused an investigation to be made of the facts set forth in the Piedmont Gas Company, Inc.'s (Piedmont) application in this case, the exhibits attached thereto, and of the related matters.
- (2) The staff filed a written report of its investigation (staff report) on August 12, 2010.
- (3) By entry of August 18, 2010, persons wishing to intervene or file objections to the staff report were directed to file appropriate pleadings by September 13, 2010. This entry also scheduled a prehearing conference for September 23, 2010, in order to discuss procedural aspects of the proceeding.
- (4) No motions to intervene and no objections to the staff report were filed in this docket.
- (5) As no objections to the staff report were filed, the examiner is cancelling the September 23, 2010, prehearing conference.
- (6) Section 4903.083, Revised Code, requires that the Commission hold at least one session of the public hearing within Piedmont's service territory, and further requires that at least one session of the hearing be held after 5:00 p.m. Accordingly, a local public hearing will be held on September 29, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., at Claymont High School, 4205 Indian Hill Road, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683.
- (7) Piedmont should publish legal notice of the local public hearing in newspaper(s) of general circulation in Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, and Tuscarawas counties, Ohio, once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled date of the local public hearing. The hearing notice should not

appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper. The notice should read as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a local public hearing in Case No. 09-1862-GA-AIR, *In the Matter of the Application of Piedmont Gas Company, Inc. to Increase its Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service*. The local public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing interested members of the public an opportunity to testify in this proceeding. A local public hearing will be held on September 29, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., at Claymont High School, 4205 Indian Hill Road, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683. By its application, Piedmont is requesting a rate increase which, if approved, would generate total base revenue of approximately \$899,902 which represents an increase of approximately 52 percent over total current base revenue and a proposed transportation rate that would generate \$299,120 which represents an increase of approximately 24 percent over total current transportation revenue. Staff is recommending a revenue increase between \$122,905 and \$155,246 or between 3.84 and 4.85 percent over current revenue.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, via the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us> or by calling the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the September 23, 2010, prehearing conference be cancelled. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a local public hearing be held in accordance with finding 6. It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice of the local public hearing be published by Piedmont as directed in finding 7. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon Piedmont and its counsel, and all other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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