



September 4, 2007

Dear Valued Customer,

The North Carolina General Assembly recently enacted legislation that could reduce your excise tax on natural gas. **This legislation, effective October 1, 2007, phases out the excise tax for manufacturers and farmers over the next four years.** This reduced tax is available for natural gas received by a manufacturer for use in connection with the operation of a manufacturing facility or by a farmer for use with any farming purpose other than preparing food, heating dwellings, and other household purposes.

To be eligible for the reduced tax rate, you must have a manufacturer's certificate or a farmer's certificate issued under G.S. 105-164.28A. To find out if you qualify, contact the Department of Revenue at (919) 733-8510 or visit [www.dor.state.nc.us](http://www.dor.state.nc.us).

If you qualify, you must send a completed E-595E NC Exemption Form with a listing of your eligible natural gas account numbers to:

Piedmont Natural Gas  
Attention: Central Business Office - Excise Tax Exemption  
PO Box 33068  
Charlotte, NC 28233

or, you may e-mail a scanned copy of the completed E-595E NC Exemption Form with a listing of your eligible natural gas account numbers to:

[AccountMaintGroup@piedmontng.com](mailto:AccountMaintGroup@piedmontng.com)

Please include Excise Tax Exemption in the subject line of the e-mail.

Piedmont Natural Gas must have a properly completed E-595E form on file before you may benefit from the excise tax reduction. The form is available at [www.dor.state.nc.us](http://www.dor.state.nc.us).

If you have questions, please contact your Major Account Services Representative.

Sincerely,  
Piedmont Natural Gas, Major Account Services