

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING
AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES**

DOCKET NO. 2009-411-G

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont or the Company) has filed an Application for Approval of Energy Efficiency Programs with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission). The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-10, et. seq. In its Application, Piedmont requests approval of three proposed energy efficiency programs. The Company is incorporated under the laws of the state of North Carolina and is authorized to engage in the business of transporting, distributing, and selling natural gas.

Piedmont seeks Commission approval of the following three programs: 1) a Customer Education Program; 2) a Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program; and 3) a High-Efficiency Equipment Rebate Program. A detailed description of each of these three programs can be found in Exhibit A of the Company's Application. Piedmont requests authorization to expend and recover from its customers an annual cost of \$350,000 for these three programs. These costs will be included in Piedmont's cost of service and recovered, on a delayed basis, through Piedmont's annual Rate Stabilization Act filing process.

A copy of the Company's complete Application may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from Scott M. Tyler, Esquire, Moore & Van Allen PLLC, 100 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28202-4003 and Jane Lewis-Raymond, Vice President and General Counsel, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., P.O. Box 33068, Charlotte, North Carolina 28233.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 **on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 21, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2009-411-G***.

Any party who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, SC 29201; Scott M. Tyler, Esquire, Moore & Van Allen PLLC, 100 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28202-4003; and Jane Lewis-Raymond, Vice President and General Counsel, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., P. O. Box 33068, Charlotte, North Carolina 28233, on or before **December 21, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2009-411-G***.

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **December 21, 2009**. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2009-411-G***.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES:

Pursuant to 26 S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-845(C)(Supp.2008):

1. **Piedmont Natural Gas Company** must prefile with the Commission 1 copy of the direct testimony and exhibits of the witnesses it intends to present and serve the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses on all Parties of Record on or before **December 30, 2009** (must be post-marked on or before this date).

2. **All Other Parties of Record** must prefile with the Commission 1 copy of the direct testimony and exhibits of the witnesses they intend to present and serve the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses on all Parties of Record on or before **January 21, 2010** (must be post-marked on or before this date).

3. The **Company** filing **Rebuttal Testimony** must prefile with the Commission 1 copy of the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses it intends to present and serve the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses on all Parties of Record on or before **January 28, 2010** (Rebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on this date).

4. **All Other Parties of Record** filing **Surrebuttal Testimony** must prefile with the Commission 1 copy of the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses they intend to present and serve the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses on all Parties of Record on or before **February 4, 2010** (Surrebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on this date).

Please be advised that failure to comply with the instructions contained herein could result in your proposed witnesses' testimony and exhibits being excluded in the subject proceeding. Additionally, please note that failure to comply with the above prefile testimony deadlines on or before the dates indicated may result in the **DISMISSAL** of your pleading.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5100.

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