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| <b>Form 5500</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security<br>Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b><br><br>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b> | OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br>1210-0089<br><br><b>2016</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| <b>Part I</b>                                                                                            | <b>Annual Report Identification Information</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2016</u> and ending <u>12/31/2016</u> |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>A</b>                                                                                                 | This return/report is for:                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____ |  |
| <b>B</b>                                                                                                 | This return/report is:                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report <input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report<br><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report <input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)                                                                                                      |  |
| <b>C</b>                                                                                                 | If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>D</b>                                                                                                 | Check box if filing under:                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5558 <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension <input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program<br><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)                                                                                                                                                |  |

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| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Basic Plan Information</b> —enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |           |                                                           |
| <b>1a</b>      | Name of plan<br><u>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1b</b> | Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>007</u>                 |
|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1c</b> | Effective date of plan<br><u>11/01/1989</u>               |
| <b>2a</b>      | Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br><u>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.</u><br><br><u>4720 PIEDMONT ROW DRIVE</u><br><u>CHARLOTTE, NC 28210</u> | <b>2b</b> | Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>56-0556998</u> |
|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>2c</b> | Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br><u>704-364-3120</u>    |
|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>2d</b> | Business code (see instructions)<br><u>221210</u>         |

**Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.**

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

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| <b>SIGN HERE</b>                                                                                | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 07/26/2017 | THOMAS SILINSKI                                              |
|                                                                                                 | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b>                                                                                |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|                                                                                                 | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b>                                                                                |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|                                                                                                 | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |
| Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number) |                                                   |            | Preparer's telephone number                                  |
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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4c</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>5</b> 2154                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><br><b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><br><b>h</b> Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested ..... | <b>6a(1)</b> 1945<br><b>6a(2)</b> 1950<br><b>6b</b> 232<br><b>6c</b> 0<br><b>6d</b> 2182<br><b>6e</b> 18<br><b>6f</b> 2200<br><b>6g</b> 2180<br><b>6h</b> 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>8a</b> If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:<br>2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3H<br><br><b>b</b> If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>10</b> Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>a Pension Schedules</b><br><b>(1)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)<br><br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary<br><br><b>(3)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>b General Schedules</b><br><b>(1)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)<br><b>(3)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>0</b> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information)<br><b>(4)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)<br><b>(5)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)<br><b>(6)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules) |

**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>SCHEDULE C</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Service Provider Information</b><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>2016</b>                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2016** and ending **12/31/2016**

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. 401(K) PLAN                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>007</b>          |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>56-0556998 |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Service Provider Information (see instructions)</b> |
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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| <b>(b)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation<br>WELLS FARGO |
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| <b>(b)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |
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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 21 37                         | NONE                                                                                                     | 229576                                                                        | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                         | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                   | 0                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                 |

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 26 27 51                      | NONE                                                                                                     | 92350                                                                         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 10                            | NONE                                                                                                     | 11871                                                                         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |

**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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|                               |                                                                                                          |                                                                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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|                               |                                                                                                          |                                                                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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|                               |                                                                                                          |                                                                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

**3.** If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>SCHEDULE D</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | <b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2016</div><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>                                    | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <span style="float: right;">►</span> <u>007</u> |
| <b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>56-0556998</u>                    |

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| Part I | <b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b><br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>WELLS FARGO ENHANCED STOCK MARKET F</u> |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>WELLS FARGO BANK NA</u>              |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>56-6288528-001</u>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>35574967</u> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>WELLS FARGO STABLE RETURN FUND N</u>    |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>WELLS FARGO BANK NA</u>              |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>41-6202499-001</u>                                                     | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>44683564</u> |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                            |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                         |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                            |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                         |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                 |
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| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                         |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                 |
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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                            |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                         |                               |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                           | <b>d</b> Entity code          | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)                 |

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**Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

**a** Plan name**b** Name of  
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of  
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2016</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016          |                                         |                                                             |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. 401(K) PLAN                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 007                                                         |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. |                                         |                                                             |
|                                                                                                     |                                         | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>56-0556998 |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Asset and Liability Statement</b> |
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

| Assets                                                                                            |                 | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                     | <b>1a</b>       |                       |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                      |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions.....                                                            | <b>1b(1)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....                                                        | <b>1b(2)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Other.....                                                                             | <b>1b(3)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                     |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....   | <b>1c(1)</b>    | 3                     | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                       | <b>1c(2)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                           |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                        | <b>1c(3)(A)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other.....                                                                         | <b>1c(3)(B)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                     |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                        | <b>1c(4)(A)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common.....                                                                            | <b>1c(4)(B)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                              | <b>1c(5)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property).....                                   | <b>1c(6)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                               | <b>1c(7)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans.....                                                                 | <b>1c(8)</b>    | 6523674               | 5774819         |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                    | <b>1c(9)</b>    | 69085094              | 80258531        |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                   | <b>1c(10)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                           | <b>1c(11)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....                                  | <b>1c(12)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....        | <b>1c(13)</b>   | 152561598             | 170672371       |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | <b>1c(14)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....                                                                           | <b>1c(15)</b>   |                       |                 |

| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                              |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities .....                                        | <b>1d(1)</b> | 14208966              | 0               |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                     | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....   | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) ..... | <b>1f</b>    | 242379335             | 256705721       |

**Liabilities**

|                                                                           |           |   |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b> |   |   |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b> |   |   |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b> |   |   |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b> |   |   |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b> | 0 | 0 |

**Net Assets**

|                                                           |           |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) ..... | <b>1l</b> | 242379335 | 256705721 |
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**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

- 2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

**Income**

|                                                                                                            |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>a Contributions:</b>                                                                                    |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....                                        | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 6919014    |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants .....                                                                              | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 10839845   |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....                                                              | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 487788     |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 18246647  |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>                                                                          |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....       | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                        | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                         | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 326755     |           |
| <b>(F)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                              | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 326755    |
| (2) Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....                                                            | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock .....                                                                              | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                  | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 2193361    |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                  | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 2193361   |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....                                 | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> | 15901595   |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                              | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> | 15196874   |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                  | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            | 704721    |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....                         | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....         | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            | 0         |

|                                                                                                |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                             | 2b(6)  |            | 4106165   |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                             | 2b(7)  |            |           |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                     | 2b(8)  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                           | 2b(9)  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)..... | 2b(10) |            | 11133727  |
| c Other income.....                                                                            | 2c     |            | 313827    |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....               | 2d     |            | 37025203  |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                      |       |          |          |
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| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |       |          |          |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....      | 2e(1) | 22114512 |          |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                        | 2e(2) |          |          |
| (3) Other .....                                                                      | 2e(3) |          |          |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....                         | 2e(4) |          | 22114512 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | 2f    |          |          |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | 2g    |          | 250508   |
| h Interest expense.....                                                              | 2h    |          |          |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....                                | 2i(1) | 11871    |          |
| (2) Contract administrator fees.....                                                 | 2i(2) |          |          |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees.....                                     | 2i(3) | 92350    |          |
| (4) Other .....                                                                      | 2i(4) | 229576   |          |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....                  | 2i(5) |          | 333797   |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | 2j    |          | 22698817 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                          |       |  |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|----------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d ..... | 2k    |  | 14326386 |
| l Transfers of assets:                                   |       |  |          |
| (1) To this plan.....                                    | 2l(1) |  |          |
| (2) From this plan.....                                  | 2l(2) |  |          |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

**b** Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: MCCONNELL & JONES LLP

(2) EIN: 76-0488832

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

**a** Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

**b** Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) .....

|    | Yes | No | Amount |
|----|-----|----|--------|
| 4a |     | X  |        |
| 4b |     | X  |        |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           | Yes | No | Amount  |
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| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) .....                                          | <b>4c</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) .....                               | <b>4d</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>4e</b> | X   |    | 5000000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....                                                                                       | <b>4f</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....                                                    | <b>4g</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....                                          | <b>4h</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) .....                                                                | <b>4i</b> | X   |    |         |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) ..... | <b>4j</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....                                                           | <b>4k</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....                                                                                                                                            | <b>4l</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....                                                                                                  | <b>4m</b> |     | X  |         |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. ....                                      | <b>4n</b> |     |    |         |
| <b>o</b> Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only:<br>Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service? .....                           | <b>4o</b> |     |    |         |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. .... ☐ Yes ☒ No **Amount:**

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
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**5c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined  
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year ..... (See instructions.)

## Part V Trust Information

|                                        |                                                     |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>6a</b> Name of trust                | <b>6b</b> Trust's EIN                               |
| <b>6c</b> Name of trustee or custodian | <b>6d</b> Trustee's or custodian's telephone number |

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| <b>SCHEDULE R</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Retirement Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2016</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

|                                                                                                            |                                                                    |
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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶<br><u>007</u>              |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>56-0556998</u> |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

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| <b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions .....                                                                                                                             | <b>1</b> | <u>0</u> |
| <b>2</b> Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):<br><br>EIN(s): <u>56-1354495</u> |          |          |
| Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |          |
| <b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....                                                                                                                                   | <b>3</b> |          |

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| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
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| <b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>5</b> If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____<br>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule. |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>6a</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>6b</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>6c</b>                    |                             |                              |
| If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>8</b> If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

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| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Amendments</b> |
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| <b>9</b> If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| <b>Part IV</b> | <b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
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| <b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>b</b> If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

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**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>14</b> | Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:                                                                                                                    |            |  |
|           | <b>a</b> The current year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>14a</b> |  |
|           | <b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>14b</b> |  |
|           | <b>c</b> The second preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>14c</b> |  |
| <b>15</b> | Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:                                                                         |            |  |
|           | <b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....                                                                                                                                                | <b>15a</b> |  |
|           | <b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>15b</b> |  |
| <b>16</b> | Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:                                                                                                                                                 |            |  |
|           | <b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                             | <b>16a</b> |  |
|           | <b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers .....                                                                               | <b>16b</b> |  |
| <b>17</b> | If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. .... <input type="checkbox"/> |            |  |

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| <b>Part VI</b> | <b>Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans</b> |
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| <b>18</b> | If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>19</b> | If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)<br><b>a</b> Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:<br>Stock: <u>0.0</u> % Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%<br><b>b</b> Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:<br><input type="checkbox"/> 0-3 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 years <input type="checkbox"/> 6-9 years <input type="checkbox"/> 9-12 years <input type="checkbox"/> 12-15 years <input type="checkbox"/> 15-18 years <input type="checkbox"/> 18-21 years <input type="checkbox"/> 21 years or more<br><b>c</b> What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Effective duration <input type="checkbox"/> Macaulay duration <input type="checkbox"/> Modified duration <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |

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| <b>Part VII</b> | <b>IRS Compliance Questions</b> |
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| <b>20a</b> Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b .....                                                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                          |
| <b>20b</b> How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply: .....                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Design-based safe harbor <input type="checkbox"/> "Prior year" ADP test<br><input type="checkbox"/> "Current year" ADP test <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>21a</b> What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply: .....                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Ratio percentage test <input type="checkbox"/> Average benefit test <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                                                         |
| <b>21b</b> Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules? .....    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                          |
| <b>22a</b> If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter     /     /     and the serial number     . |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>22b</b> If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter     /     /     .                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                   |

# **Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. 401(k) Plan**

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31,  
2016 and 2015 and Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available  
for Benefits for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Supplemental Schedule as of December 31, 2016 and Independent  
Auditors' Report

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NOTE: All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Benefits Committee of Duke Energy Corporation and Participants in the  
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. 401(k) Plan  
Charlotte, NC

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan), which comprise the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related Notes to Financial Statements.

### ***Plan Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Plan management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP); this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by Plan management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2016, in accordance with US GAAP.

**Report on Supplemental Schedule**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule listed in the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental schedule required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such schedule is the responsibility of Plan management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with US GAAS. In our opinion, the schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*McConnell & Jones LLP*

Houston, Texas

June 27, 2017

**Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. 401(k) Plan**

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
December 31, 2016 and 2015**

|                                                 | <b>2016</b>                  | <b>2015</b>                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                   |                              |                              |
| Participant-directed investments, at fair value | <b>\$ 250,930,902</b>        | \$ 235,666,459               |
| Receivable - participant loans                  | <b>5,774,819</b>             | 6,523,674                    |
| Cash                                            | -                            | 3                            |
| <b>Net assets available for benefits</b>        | <b><u>\$ 256,705,721</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 242,190,136</u></b> |

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

**Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. 401(k) Plan**

**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
Year Ended December 31, 2016**

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**Changes in net assets attributed to:**

Investment income:

|                                               |               |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | \$ 16,133,812 |
| Interest, dividends and other                 | 2,507,188     |

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total investment income</b> | <b>18,641,000</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|

|                                                 |         |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Interest income on participant notes receivable | 326,755 |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|

Contributions:

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Employer              | 6,919,014  |
| Participant           | 10,839,845 |
| Participant rollovers | 487,788    |

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total contributions</b> | <b>18,246,647</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|

Distributions:

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Benefits paid to participants | (22,365,020) |
| Expenses                      | (333,797)    |

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total distributions</b> | <b>(22,698,817)</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|

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| <b>Net increase</b> | <b>14,515,585</b> |
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**Net assets available for benefits:**

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Beginning of year | 242,190,136 |
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|             |                       |
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| End of year | <b>\$ 256,705,721</b> |
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*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

## Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. 401(k) Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements

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#### Note 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (the "Company") 401(k) Plan ("the Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by the Company providing benefits to participating employees or their beneficiaries upon retirement, death or termination of employment (following a break in service, as defined in the Plan).

Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan after they have completed thirty days of continuous service with the Company and have attained age 18. The Plan is administered by the Duke Energy Benefits Committee ("Benefits Committee" or "Plan Administrator"). Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo") serves as the trustee and recordkeeper of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

On October 3, 2016, the acquisition of the Company by Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke Energy") and its affiliates was consummated. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, each share of Piedmont common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the closing (other than shares owned by Duke Energy or its wholly owned subsidiaries) was converted automatically into the right to receive \$60 in cash per share, without interest, less any applicable withholding taxes. As a result of the merger, the legacy Piedmont common stock outstanding was canceled, and Piedmont's common stock was delisted from the NYSE.

Contributions: Employees are able to contribute up to 50% of eligible pay to the Plan on a pre-tax basis, up to the Tax Code annual contribution limit. Employees are able to receive a company match of 100% up to the first 5% of eligible pay contributed. The Company automatically enrolls all newly eligible employees in the Plan at a 2% contribution rate unless the employee chooses not to participate by notifying the Plan trustee. For employees who are automatically enrolled in the Plan, the Company will automatically increase their contributions by 1% each year to a maximum of 5% unless the employee chooses to opt out of the automatic increase by contacting the trustee. If the employee does not make an investment election, employee contributions and matches are automatically invested in designated Qualified Default Investment Alternative (QDIA) funds. Prior to the transaction with Duke Energy, participants were able to invest in Company common stock up to a maximum of 20% of their account. Employees may change their contribution rate and investments at any time. Additional amounts may be contributed by the Company at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. There were no discretionary Company contributions during the year ended December 31, 2016. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

Participant accounts: Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's matching contribution, and allocations of Company discretionary contributions, if applicable, and Plan earnings, and charged with any benefit payments, and allocations of Plan losses and expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Investments: Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Currently, the Plan offers eleven mutual funds and two collective investment trust funds as investment options for participants.

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#### Note 1. Description of the Plan (Continued)

Vesting: All participant contributions and earnings thereon are fully vested and non-forfeitable upon allocation to the participants' accounts. A participant will become 100% vested in his employer matching contributions after the participant completes six months of service.

Notes receivable from participants: Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balances, whichever is less. Loans must be entirely repaid within 5 years unless the loan is for the purchase of a primary residence. Effective September 2014, the loan policy was amended to allow for only one loan to be outstanding at a time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. Interest rates on loans ranged from 5.25% to 6.77% at December 31, 2016.

Payment of benefits: The Plan allows distributions for retirement, long-term disability, termination of employment, hardship or death. The vested balance of a participant's account will be paid to the participant, or, in the case of death, to the spouse or beneficiary, if any, in a single, lump sum of cash or common stock as permitted by the Plan.

The Plan was amended on December 15, 2014 to allow for Age 59 ½ in-service withdrawals, effective January 1, 2015.

#### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting: The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment valuation and income recognition: Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 7 for disclosure of the Plan's fair value measurements.

The Plan utilizes market data or assumptions about risk and the risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. These inputs can be readily observable, market corroborated or generally observable. The Plan primarily applies the market approach for recurring fair value measurements and endeavor to utilize the best available information. Accordingly, the Plan uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The Plan is able to classify fair value balances based on the observance of those inputs into the fair value hierarchy levels as set forth in the fair value accounting guidance.

In the 2015 financial statements, the Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund was shown at fair value with an adjustment to contract value on the face of the financial statements. This fund is now shown at its net asset value, which represents its fair value, on the face of the financial statements. There was no impact to the actual value of the fund.

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#### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### Investment valuation and income recognition (continued):

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's investment assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Common stock fund: Calculated based on the closing price reported on the active market on which the securities in the fund are traded.

Mutual funds: Valued at the NAV of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Collective investment trust funds: Valued at NAV based on information provided by the trustee and using the audited financial statements of the collective investment trust funds at year-end.

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) or NAVs in active markets that can be accessed as of the reporting date and consist of investments in common stock and mutual funds. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1, which are either directly or indirectly corroborated or observable as of the reporting date and generally use valuation methodologies. Level 3 inputs include significant pricing inputs that are generally less observable from objective sources.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The Plan's Benefits Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisor and custodian.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the mutual funds and collective investment trust funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments. Additionally, the Plan received revenue sharing income of \$97,299 during 2016. This income is reflected as an addition to the investment return for such investments.

New accounting pronouncements: In July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-12, Plan Accounting: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Topic 960), Defined Contribution Pension Plans (Topic 962), Health and Welfare Benefit Plans (Topic 965) – (I) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts, (II) Plan Investment Disclosures, and (III) Measurement Date Practical Expedient (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force). The purpose of this Update is to simplify plan accounting.

- The amendments in Part I of this Update designate contract value as the only required measure for direct investments in fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts will be presented at contract value; accordingly, there will no longer be an adjustment from fair value to contract value on the face of the financial statements.

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#### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### New accounting pronouncements (continued):

- The amendments in Part II of this Update will eliminate the requirements for plans to disclose (1) individual investments that represent 5 percent or more of net assets available for benefits and (2) the net appreciation or depreciation for investments by general type for both participant-directed investments and nonparticipant-directed investments. The net appreciation or depreciation in investments for the period will still be required to be presented in the aggregate. In addition, if an investment is measured using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient in Topic 820 and that investment is in a fund that files a U.S. Department of Labor Form 5500, *Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan*, as a direct filing entity, disclosure of that investment's strategy will no longer be required.
- The amendments in Part III of this Update reduce complexity in employee benefit plan accounting by providing a practical expedient that permits plans to measure investments and investment-related accounts as of a month-end date that is closest to the plan's fiscal year-end, when the fiscal period does not coincide with month-end.

The amendments in this Update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. Upon adoption, the amendments in Parts I and II shall be applied retrospectively to all periods presented; the amendments in Part III shall be applied prospectively. The Plan adopted this Update for the 2016 plan year. The impact of adopting these amendments is reflected in the financial statement disclosures.

In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-7, Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or its Equivalent). The ASU removes certain investments that are valued at their net asset value as a practical expedient from the fair value hierarchy. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. The impact of adopting this ASU is reflected in the investment disclosures.

Contributions: Contributions from employees of the Plan Sponsor and matching contributions from the Plan Sponsor are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld along with the applicable matching contribution. All employee and employer contributions are participant-directed.

Notes from participants: Notes from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed as they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2016 or 2015. Delinquent notes from participants are treated as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Payment of benefits: Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid.

Expenses: As provided by the Plan document, administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Plan.

Subsequent events: The Plan monitors significant events occurring after the statement of net assets available for benefits date and prior to the issuance of the financial statements to determine the impact, if any, of events on the financial statements to be issued. All subsequent events of which the Plan is aware were evaluated through report date.

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#### **Note 3. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan's participants invest in various investment securities offered by the Plan. These investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

#### **Note 4. Federal Income Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated November 25, 2014, that the Plan was designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Benefits Committee believes the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and that the Plan and related trust continue to be tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan. Management evaluated the Plan's tax positions and concluded that the Plan had maintained its tax exempt status and had taken no uncertain tax positions that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. With few exceptions, the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state, or local tax authorities for years before 2013.

#### **Note 5. Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

#### **Note 6. Exempt Party-in-Interest Transactions**

Certain plan investments are units of participation in collective investment trust funds managed by Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo is the trustee as defined by the Plan, and therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to Wells Fargo for investment management services amounted to \$214,329 for the year ended December 31, 2016 and are included in the expenses line item in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits. Additional expenses not paid to Wells Fargo include investment advisory fees and other various expenses.

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Plan held zero and 388,919 units, respectively, of common stock of the Company, the sponsoring employer, with a cost basis of \$0 and \$7,837,818, respectively, and fair value of \$0 and \$14,208,966, respectively.

#### **Note 7. Fair Value**

The investments reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits, are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Plan's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and their consideration within the fair value hierarchy levels.

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**Note 7. Fair Value (Continued)**

The following tables set forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the assets measured at fair value as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

| December 31, 2016                                            |                                                    |                                                        |                                                    |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                              | Quoted Prices<br>in Active<br>Markets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total              |
| <b>Investments subject to the fair value hierarchy:</b>      |                                                    |                                                        |                                                    |                    |
| Mutual funds                                                 | \$ 170,672,371                                     | \$ -                                                   | \$ -                                               | \$ 170,672,371     |
| <b>Total investments subject to the fair value hierarchy</b> | <b>\$ 170,672,371</b>                              | <b>\$ -</b>                                            | <b>\$ -</b>                                        | <b>170,672,371</b> |

**Investments not subject to the fair value hierarchy:**

|                                          |  |  |  |                       |
|------------------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| Collective investment trust funds        |  |  |  | 80,258,531            |
| <b>Total investments, at fair value:</b> |  |  |  | <b>\$ 250,930,902</b> |

| December 31, 2015                                            |                                                    |                                                        |                                                    |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                              | Quoted Prices<br>in Active<br>Markets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total              |
| <b>Investments subject to the fair value hierarchy:</b>      |                                                    |                                                        |                                                    |                    |
| Mutual funds                                                 | \$ 152,561,598                                     | \$ -                                                   | \$ -                                               | \$ 152,561,598     |
| Common stock fund                                            | 14,208,966                                         | -                                                      | -                                                  | 14,208,966         |
| <b>Total investments subject to the fair value hierarchy</b> | <b>\$ 166,770,564</b>                              | <b>\$ -</b>                                            | <b>\$ -</b>                                        | <b>166,770,564</b> |

**Investments not subject to the fair value hierarchy:**

|                                          |  |  |  |                       |
|------------------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| Collective investment trust funds        |  |  |  | 68,895,895            |
| <b>Total investments, at fair value:</b> |  |  |  | <b>\$ 235,666,459</b> |

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**Note 8. Net Asset Value Per Share**

The following table sets forth additional disclosures of the investments whose fair value is estimated using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 for the Plan:

| Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value per Share<br>December 31, 2016 |               |                        |                         |                                     |                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Investment                                                                | Fair Value    | Unfunded<br>Commitment | Redemption<br>Frequency | Other<br>Redemption<br>Restrictions | Redemption<br>Notice<br>Period |
| Collective investment trust<br>fund-Stable                                | \$ 44,683,564 | \$ -                   | Daily                   | Written notice                      | 12 months                      |
| Collective investment trust<br>fund-Enhanced Stock                        | \$ 35,574,967 | \$ -                   | Daily                   | None                                | None                           |

| Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value per Share<br>December 31, 2015 |               |                        |                         |                                     |                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Investment                                                                | Fair Value    | Unfunded<br>Commitment | Redemption<br>Frequency | Other<br>Redemption<br>Restrictions | Redemption<br>Notice<br>Period |
| Collective investment trust<br>fund-Stable                                | \$ 37,835,131 | \$ -                   | Daily                   | Written notice                      | 12 months                      |
| Collective investment trust<br>fund-Enhanced Stock                        | \$ 31,060,764 | \$ -                   | Daily                   | None                                | None                           |

**Note 9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

|                                                                                 | December 31           |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                                 | 2016                  | 2015                  |
| Net assets available for benefits as presented in these<br>financial statements | \$ 256,705,721        | \$ 242,190,136        |
| Adjustment from NAV to fair value on Wells Fargo<br>Stable Return Fund          | -                     | 189,199               |
| Net assets per the Form 5500                                                    | <u>\$ 256,705,721</u> | <u>\$ 242,379,335</u> |

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**Note 9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500 (Continued)**

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

|                                                                            | <b>Year Ended<br/>December 31,<br/>2016</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Total net increase per the financial statements                            | <b>\$ 14,515,585</b>                        |
| Net adjustment from NAV to fair value on Wells Fargo<br>Stable Return Fund | <b>(189,199)</b>                            |
| Total net income per the Form 5500                                         | <b><u>\$ 14,326,386</u></b>                 |

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**Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
December 31, 2016**

**Plan #007**

**EIN: 56-0556998**

|   | Identity of issuer, borrower,<br>lessor, or similar party | Description of investment<br>including maturity date,<br>rate of interest, collateral,<br>par or maturity value | Current<br>value      |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| * | Wells Fargo Enhanced Stock Market Fund (N)                | Collective investment trust fund, 178,351 units                                                                 | \$ 35,574,967         |
| * | Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund (N)                        | Collective investment trust fund, 838,451 units                                                                 | 44,683,564            |
|   | American Funds Europacific Growth (A)                     | Mutual fund, 423,587 shares                                                                                     | 19,078,363            |
|   | Dodge & Cox Stock Fund                                    | Mutual fund, 146,505 shares                                                                                     | 27,000,793            |
|   | Harbor Capital Appreciation Investment                    | Mutual fund, 455,694 shares                                                                                     | 25,815,078            |
|   | JP Morgan Mid Cap Value Fund- SEL                         | Mutual fund, 206,499 shares                                                                                     | 7,516,550             |
|   | Victory Munder Mid Cap Core Growth Fund (A)               | Mutual fund, 388,863 shares                                                                                     | 13,820,176            |
|   | T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund                           | Mutual fund, 292,392 shares                                                                                     | 12,675,209            |
|   | Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Admiral                   | Mutual fund, 99,361 shares                                                                                      | 9,787,070             |
|   | Victory Sycamore Small Co OPP F/C (A)                     | Mutual fund, 261,015 shares                                                                                     | 11,602,103            |
|   | American Century Inflation Adjustment Bond (A)            | Mutual fund, 367,026 shares                                                                                     | 4,231,806             |
|   | Dodge & Cox Income Fund                                   | Mutual fund, 1,971,996 shares                                                                                   | 26,799,425            |
|   | American Balanced Fund (A)                                | Mutual fund, 497,614 shares                                                                                     | 12,345,798            |
| * | Participants                                              | Loans to participants, at interest<br>rates from 5.25% to 6.77% with<br>maturities ranging from 2016<br>to 2030 | 5,774,819             |
|   |                                                           |                                                                                                                 | <u>\$ 256,705,721</u> |

\* Represents a party-in-interest.  
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**Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
December 31, 2016**

**Plan #007**

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