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5 things to know about Piedmont Natural Gas

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Piedmont Natural Gas, acquired by Duke Energy on [October 3, 2016](#), might be new to the Duke Energy family, but natural gas customers across

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The advantages of natural gas go far beyond providing hot water or increasing a home's energy efficiency; for example, it's a cost-effective transportation fuel option for local communities and businesses that operate vehicle fleets of all sizes, and when these organizations save money, you save money.

Natural gas vehicles (NGVs) run on compressed natural gas (CNG) and quickly are gaining ground with corporate fleets for organizations that want to save money on fuel, reduce emissions and decrease their impact on the environment. Piedmont Natural Gas has converted more than 30 percent of its own fleet to NGVs. In 2014, Piedmont and its CNG customers together displaced more than 2.1 million gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, reducing ozone emissions by nearly 19,000 metric tons.

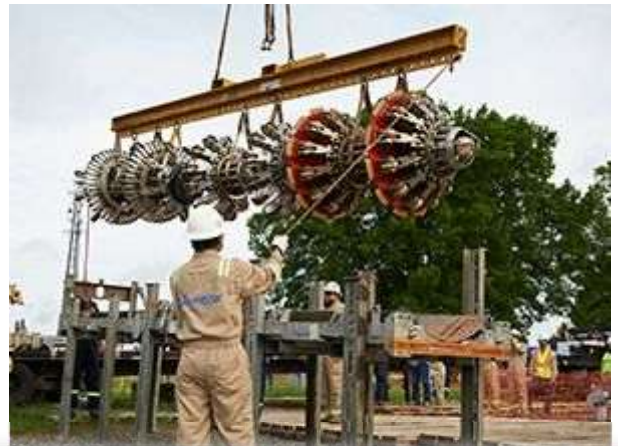
Piedmont continues building and opening additional CNG stations; its 11th public refueling station for NGVs will soon open near Hickory, N.C.



Natural gas vehicle refueling station

Piedmont has smart pigs — for real

Piedmont Natural Gas employs the help of “smart pigs” to inspect its pipeline system. Smart pigs come in all sizes, and they race through Piedmont’s pipelines looking for any anomaly that may compromise service or safety. They are sophisticated probes outfitted with sensors and are pushed through pipelines using natural gas pressure. These probes transmit data on the thickness of the pipe and can pinpoint corrosion, potential cracks and other areas that should be addressed.



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While the Piedmont Natural Gas organization formed in 1950, its family tree has roots dating back to 1849 — the year the Nashville Gas Light Company was incorporated. More than 100 years later and through a series of acquisitions, Nashville Gas became part of Piedmont Natural Gas in 1985.

Piedmont loves a parade

Each year,



Christmas parade in Nashville, Tenn.



Piedmont sponsors a storied and long-running [Christmas parade in Nashville, Tenn.](#), which dates back to 1927 and attracts tens of thousands of spectators. Proceeds from the parade go toward Piedmont's Share the Warmth program, which helps low-income families with their utility bills, and the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University.

Piedmont inherited the parade in 1985 when it purchased the Nashville Gas Company — the event's sponsor since 1952 — and has embraced the traditions of naming high-profile grand marshals and raising money to help the community.

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always there when they need it. This heat should be comfortable, safe, reliable and easy to control. It should be affordable, environmentally responsible and, most of all, available to anyone who wants it.

That is "peace of mind."

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