

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY

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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE

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(Title of Class of Securities)

720186105

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(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement [X]. ( A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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[1] Name of Reporting Persons S.S. or I.R.S. Identification Nos.

CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORPORATION 31-0746871  
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[2] Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

(a) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_  
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[3] SEC Use Only  
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[4] Citizenship or Place of Organization

FAIRFIELD, OHIO  
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Number of [5] Sole Voting Power  
Shares

Beneficially 1,501,000 \*  
Owned By

Each  
Reporting [6] Shared Voting Power  
Person  
With -0-  
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[7] Sole Dispositive Power

1,501,000  
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[8] Shared Dispositive Power

-0-  
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[9] Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person

1,501,000  
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[10] Check Box If the Aggregate Amount in Row [9] Excludes Certain Shares

N/A  
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[11] Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9

5.102%  
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[12] Type of Reporting Person\*

PH, IC  
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Item 1 (a) Name of Issuer:     PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Item 1 (b) Address of issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1915 REXFORD ROAD  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28211

Item 2 (a) Name of Person Filing:   CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Item 2 (b) Address of Principal Business Office:

P.O. BOX 145496  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45250-5496

Item 2 (c) Citizenship:       OHIO

Item 2 (d) Title of Class of Securities:

COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE

Item 2 (e) CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. Type of Reporting Person

- (a) ☐ Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
- (b) ☐ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act
- (c) ☒ Insurance Company as defined in sections 3(a) (19) of the Act
- (d) ☐ Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act
- (e) ☐ Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940
- (f) ☐ Employees Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1947 or Endowment Fund
- (g) ☒ Parent Holding Company, in accordance with 240.13d-b (ii) (G)
- (h) ☐ Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (H)

## Item 4 Ownership:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:	1,501,000
(b) Percent of Class:	5.102%
(c) Number of Shares as to which CFC has:	
(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote .....	1,501,000
(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote .....	-0-
(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of.....	1,501,000
(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of.....	-0-

## Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or less of A Class:

N/A

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on  
Behalf of Another person.

N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which  
Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the parent Holding  
Company:

This Schedule 13G is being filed by the Cincinnati Financial Corporation for  
itself or, if item 3(g) has been checked, as a parent holding company with  
respect to the holding of its following subsidiaries:

- ☒ Cincinnati Financial Corporation (31-0746871), a parent  
holding company, in accordance with 240.13d-(b) (ii) (G)
- ☒ Cincinnati Insurance Company (31-0542366), an insurance  
company as defined in sections 9 (a) (19) of the Act
- ☐ Cincinnati Casualty Company (31-0826946), an insurance  
company as defined in sections 3 (a) (19) of the Act
- ☐ Cincinnati Life Insurance Company (31-1213778), an insurance  
company as defined in sections 3 (a) (19) of the Act
- ☐ Cincinnati Financial Retirement Plan Trust (31-0746871), an  
employee benefit plan, pension fund which is subject to the  
provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act  
of 1947 or Endowment Fund

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: FEBRUARY 10, 1997

The Cincinnati Financial Corporation

By \_\_\_\_\_

Theodore F. Elchynski  
Financial Vice President

\*THIS STOCK IS HELD IN CUSTODY BY THE FIFTH THIRD BANK.