COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF DELTA) CASE NO. NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.) 90-342

ORDER

This matter arises upon the May 7, 1991 motion of Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") requesting the Commission approve the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation filed into the record the same date. Delta further moves the Commission to conduct a hearing on May 14, 1991 on the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation. Delta has already advertised, pursuant to Commission regulation, that a public hearing regarding Delta's rates will be held on May 14, 1991.

After consideration of the motion and the grounds therefor and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that a hearing should be held to determine if the settlement is reasonable in light of the whole record, consistent with the law, and in the public interest. The signatories to the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation should be prepared to present at least one witness in order to provide adequate independent evidence in support of the settlement to allow the Commission to make a decision. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the portion of Delta's motion requesting a hearing be held to determine the reasonableness of the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation be and it hereby is granted. The signatories and at least one witness shall appear at a hearing May 14, 1991 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of May, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Executive Director