COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE PETITION OF SIGMA GAS CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCING

CASE NO. 96-252

ORDER

On May 30, 1996, Sigma Gas Corporation ("Sigma") filed a petition for Commission approval for financing a loan obtained from the Kentucky Gas System Restoration Board through the Kentucky Department for Local Government. Pursuant to KRS 278.300, the Commission has 60 days within which to rule on the application, unless it is necessary for good cause to continue the application for a longer period. In order to process the application as expeditiously as possible and avoid extending the review period, Sigma should notify the Commission within 5 working days of this Order, if a public hearing on its application is desired.

IT IS ORDERED that Sigma shall advise the Commission in writing within 5 days of the date of this Order if it requests a public hearing on its application. If no request for a public hearing is received, the application will stand submitted to the Commission on the record for a decision.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of July, 1996.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director

For the Commission