

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

CONTRACT BETWEEN AN END USER)
AND DELTA NATURAL GAS) CASE NO. 98-479
COMPANY, INC. FOR NATURAL GAS)
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE)

CONTRACT BETWEEN AN END USER)
AND DELTA NATURAL GAS) CASE NO. 98-380
COMPANY, INC. FOR NATURAL GAS)
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE)

CONTRACT BETWEEN AN END USER)
AND DELTA NATURAL GAS) CASE NO. 98-412
COMPANY, INC. FOR NATURAL GAS)
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE)

O R D E R

Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") filed a motion with the Commission on August 27, 1998, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential protection of portions of a special contract with a selected customer on the grounds that disclosure is likely to cause Delta competitive injury. Delta also requested consolidation and a formal hearing with two other cases pending before the Commission. This application has been assigned Case No. 98-479.

The Commission has reviewed the filings contained in Case No. 98-380 and Case No. 98-412 and finds the issues regarding confidential treatment of certain contract information is substantially similar in both cases and they should be consolidated with Case No. 98-479 for administrative purposes.

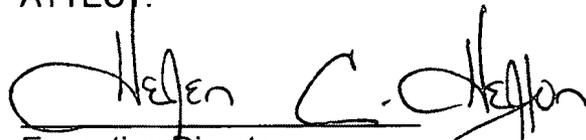
Delta has requested that it be granted a formal hearing in this case. The Commission finds that Delta should be granted a formal hearing in Case No. 98-479.

The Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

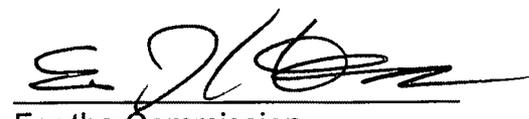
1. Case No. 98-479, Case No. 98-380, and Case No. 98-412 are to be consolidated for all administrative and hearing purposes.
2. Delta's motion for a formal hearing is granted in Case No. 98-479 and is consolidated with Case No. 98-380 and Case No. 98-412 for a formal hearing on September 17, 1998 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.
3. Pending a hearing and final decision in Case No. 98-479, the contract information for which Delta seeks confidential protection shall be held and retained by the Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of September, 1998.

ATTEST:


Executive Director

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission