COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE ASSETS OF MT. OLIVET NATURAL GAS COMPANY

CASE NO. 98-613

<u>order</u>

On January 11, 1999, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") applied to the Commission for authority to transfer all of the assets of Mt. Olivet Natural Gas Company ("Mt. Olivet") to Delta.

KRS 278.020(5) requires the Commission to grant, modify, refuse, or prescribe terms and conditions to such application within 60 days after the filing or on a later date mutually acceptable to the Commission and the acquirer in this case, Delta. The acquirer has waived the 60-day period for a decision and agreed to a further 60-day extension.

The Commission finds that Delta has agreed to extend the time period for a decision on this petition until a later date, pursuant to KRS 278.020(5).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the time in which the Commission is to render a decision in this case shall be extended to May 11, 1999.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of March, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director