COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF DELTA NATURAL)	
GAS COMPANY, INC. TO IMPLEMENT)	CASE NO
AN EXPERIMENTAL ALTERNATIVE)	99-046
REGULATION PLAN)	

ORDER

On February 5, 1999, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Delta) filed an application with the Commission wherein it proposes to implement an experimental alternative regulation plan effective March 7, 1999.

The Commission finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff sheets and related plan and that such proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- The proposed tariff sheets are hereby suspended for 5 months from March 7,
 1999 up to and including August 6, 1999.
- 2. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of March, 1999.

ATTEST:	By the Commission
Executive Director	