COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF CUMBERLAND VALLEY)ENERGY, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)CONSTRUCT THE GAS SYSTEM,)CASE NO.APPROVAL OF FINANCING, INITIAL RATES)99-139AND THE OPERATION OF A NATURAL GAS)DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN CLINTON)COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND INTO)MONTICELLO, KENTUCKY)

<u>ORDER</u>

On August 16, 1999, Cumberland Valley Energy, Inc. ("Cumberland") filed a motion for a 30-day extension of time in which to respond to the Commission s July 22, 1999 Order.

KRS 278.300(2) provides that the Commission shall have 60 days after filing to consider applications for authority to issue or assume securities or evidences of indebtedness unless it is necessary for good cause to continue the application. Granting Cumberland s motion for an extension will extend the time beyond the 60-day period in which the Commission must rule on the financing application. Therefore, the Commission finds that good cause exists to continue the financing application beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.300(2).

After consideration of the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Cumberland's motion for a 30-day extension of time is granted and its response to the Commission s July 22, 1999 Order is now due September 13, 1999.

2. The portion of Cumberland's application for authority to incur additional indebtedness is continued beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.300(2).

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25th day of August, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director