

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.)	
)	
COMPLAINANT)	
)	
v.)	CASE NO. 2000-418
)	
COLUMBIA NATURAL RESOURCES, INC.)	
)	
DEFENDANT)	

O R D E R

Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. ("CNR") has moved to suspend the procedural schedule in this matter and to dismiss the proceeding. Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") has responded to the motion. Having considered the motion and the response thereto, we find that CNR's proposed actions will not satisfy the Complainant. We therefore find that CNR's motion to dismiss should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. CNR's motion to dismiss is denied.
2. CNR's motion to suspend the procedural schedule pending a decision on its motion to dismiss is granted.
3. The Commission's Order of December 15, 2000 is amended as follows:
 - a. A formal hearing in this matter shall be held on May 8, 2001 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, and shall continue until completed.

b. On or before March 30, 2001, each party shall file with the Commission in verified form the direct testimony of each witness that it expects to call at the formal hearing.

c. On or before April 16, 2001, each party shall file with the Commission in verified form the testimony of each rebuttal witness that it expects to call at the formal hearing.

4. All provisions of the Commission's Order of December 15, 2000 that are not in conflict with the provisions of this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of March, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director