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# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF DELTA NATURAL GAS	)	
COMPANY, INC. FOR AN ADJUSTMENT	)	CASE NO. 2007-00089
OF RATES	ì	

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

GLENN R. JENNINGS

IN SUPPORT OF SETTLEMENT

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

The affiant, Glenn R. Jennings, being duly sworn, deposes and states that the prepared direct testimony attached hereto and made a part hereof, constitutes the prepared direct testimony of this affiant in support of the settlement in Case No. 2007-00089 in the Matter of: Application of Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of Rates and that if asked the questions propounded therein, this affiant would make the answers set forth in the attached prepared direct testimony.

Affiant further states that he will be present and available for cross-examination and for such additional examination as may be appropriate at the hearing on October 3, 2007 in Case No. 2007-00089 scheduled by the Commission, at which time affiant will further reaffirm the attached prepared direct testimony as his direct testimony in such case.

	GLENN R. JENNINGS
STATE OF KENTUCKY	
COUNTY OF CLARK	) )
Subscribed and sworn to be September, 2007.	efore me by Glenn R. Jennings, this the 251 day of
My Commission Expires:	6/20/2008
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	Notary Public State at Large, Kentucky

1 O. P	PLEASE	STATE	YOUR	NAME AND	BUSINESS	ADDRESS.
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- 2 A. Glenn R. Jennings, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc., 3617 Lexington Road, Winchester,
- 3 Kentucky 40391.

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## 5 Q. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYMENT?

6 A. I am presently employed as Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive
7 Officer of Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

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# 9 Q. DID YOU PREVIOUSLY FILE TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF DELTA IN THIS

## 10 **RATE PROCEEDING?**

11 A. Yes. My direct testimony was filed on April 20, 2007 in connection with Delta's rate application filed on that date.

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## Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS TESTIMONY?

15 A. This testimony provides support for the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and
16 Recommendation ("Settlement") entered into on September 25, 2007 by Delta and the
17 Kentucky Attorney General. A copy of the Settlement with attachments is provided with
18 this testimony.

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# 20 Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT.

A. The Settlement, offered to the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") for its consideration and approval, permits Delta to adjust its rates to recover an additional \$3,920,000 of annual revenues, compared to current rates and charges, beginning with

service on and after October 20, 2007. In conjunction with the Settlement, Delta's proposals for an Experimental Customer Rate Stabilization ("CRS") Mechanism and a Conservation/Efficiency Program ("CEP") were withdrawn from this Case. Delta and the Attorney General have agreed that Delta may, at its option, institute a proceeding with the Commission for a demand side management program that would consider the provisions of Delta's CEP proposed in this rate case, and the Attorney General has agreed to participate in good faith in collaborative meetings to develop and implement such a program.

Delta and the Attorney General agreed in the Settlement that for settlement purposes the return on equity was 10.5%.

The reduction in revenues from the amount requested by Delta in this case is reflected in the proposed rates by adjusting for all of the decrease through the residential customer charge. There was minor rounding in the customer charge with a corresponding offset in the per CCF charges, so that the revenue increase would come as close as possible to the agreed to revenue increase. All other rates proposed by Delta were accepted and are reflected in the Tariffs attached to the Settlement as Appendix A. This includes converting Delta's rates and tariffs to a CCF basis.

## Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ATTACHMENTS TO THE SETTLEMENT.

A. Attached to the Settlement are a complete set of tariff sheets reflecting the revenues agreed to in the Settlement, a revenue analysis detailing the revenue increase by customer

class and a depreciation rate schedule. These attachments are considered as a part of the Settlement and have been agreed to by both Delta and the Attorney General.

## 4 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ATTACHED TARIFFS.

As a part of the Settlement, Delta and the Attorney General have agreed upon the tariffs attached hereto. The tariffs reflect the withdrawal of the proposed CRS mechanism and the proposed CEP. The rates proposed in accordance with the Settlement are included for each tariff service.

Other than the changes to rates and the withdrawn mechanisms referenced above, all other tariff changes proposed by Delta are included in the proposed Settlement tariffs.

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# Q. FOR AFFECTED TARIFF SHEETS, WHAT GAS COST RECOVERY ("GCR") DID DELTA UTILIZE FOR THESE EXHIBITS?

At the time of development of the proposed Settlement tariff sheets, the most recent approved GCR was the GCR approved by the Commission Order dated July 23, 2007 in Case No. 2007-00244 and effective July 24, 2007. Thus the proposed tariff sheets attached to the Settlement reflect this GCR. Delta has filed its next quarterly GCR proposed to be effective on October 24, 2007 and this filing is under review by the Commission Staff at this time. It is expected that the pending GCR filing will be approved and be effective after the proposed Settlement tariffs and we will thus later reflect the pending GCR rates when they become effective, consistent with current practice, by revising the affected tariff pages when appropriate.

# Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULES PROVIDED IN THE SETTLEMENT ATTACHMENTS.

A. In order to document depreciation rates going forward, the Settlement includes an attachment detailing the agreed to depreciation, cost of removal and salvage rates for all plant accounts. Although rates are set for each plant category, these Settlement rates do not represent a concession of the respective positions asserted by Delta or the Attorney General. The stated depreciation rates represent, in aggregate, a mutually satisfactory resolution in conjunction with the Settlement.

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- 10 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SETLEMENT ATTACHMENT LABELED

  "SUMMARY OF RATE INCREASE BY RATE CLASS".
- 12 A. As a part of the Settlement, Delta and the Attorney General have agreed upon the 13 referenced Attachment, which details the rate design and validation of the rate adjustment 14 of \$3.92 million. Page 1 of the Attachment provides an overview of the present and 15 proposed revenues by service type. The total increase shown in column (8) equals 16 \$3,918,261. Pages 2 through 17 provide additional information regarding the impact of 17 the proposed rate changes for each customer class.

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- Q. DOES THE SETTLEMENT INCLUDE INCREASED CHARGES ASSOCIATED
  WITH SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES AS PROPOSED BY DELTA IN ITS
  APPLICATION?
- 22 A. Yes. Revenues associated with these special charges are included in Delta's Application 23 and are reflected on page 17 of this Attachment.

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2	Q.	HAS DELTA PROVIDED PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING IN THIS CASE,
3		SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 3, 2007?
4	A.	Yes. Delta has provided such Public Notice in newspapers throughout its service area.
5		Affidavits demonstrating the publications are being gathered at this time and will be
6		submitted to the Commission when the complete documentation has been compiled.
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8	Q.	ARE THERE ANY OTHER MATTERS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS AT THIS
9		TIME?
10	A.	Yes. Delta respectfully requests that the Commission address the amortization of rate case
11		expenses, as set forth in the Settlement, and allow such expenses to be amortized over a
12		three year period in its Final Order in this case.
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14		Also, in closing, please note that Delta and the Attorney General have expended
15		considerable effort to reach the terms that form the basis of the Settlement. The parties
16		agree that this Settlement is reasonable, produces rates that are fair, and is in the best
17		interests of all concerned. Together, we submit the Settlement for the consideration of
18		the Commission and urge that the terms be approved in its entirety.
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# 20 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME?

21 A. Yes