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**PARTIES OF RECORD**

RE: Case No. **2017-00125**

The Commission staff has reviewed the application in the above case and finds that it meets the minimum filing requirements and has been accepted for filing.

Enclosed please find a stamped filed copy of the first page of your filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Talina R. Mathews".

Talina R. Mathews  
Executive Director

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

<b>FILED</b> <b>MAR 16 2017</b> <b>PUBLIC SERVICE</b> <b>COMMISSION</b>
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**In the Matter of:**

**THE JOINT APPLICATION OF PNG )**  
**COMPANIES LLC, DRAKE )**  
**MERGER SUB INC. AND DELTA )**  
**NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. )**  
**FOR APPROVAL OF AN )**  
**ACQUISITION OF OWNERSHIP )**  
**AND CONTROL OF DELTA )**  
**NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. )**

**CASE NO. 2017-00125**

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**JOINT APPLICATION**

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PNG Companies LLC ("PNG"), Drake Merger Sub. Inc. ("Drake") and Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") (collectively, the "Applicants") jointly file this application ("Application") for approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "Commission") under KRS 278.020(6) and (7) of the acquisition by PNG of ownership and control of Delta. The acquisition of ownership and control of Delta will result from the merger of Drake, a wholly-owned subsidiary of PNG, with and into Delta, which will be the surviving corporation in the merger and will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of PNG.

The proposed acquisition of Delta by PNG will occur, subject to the approval of Delta's shareholders, the Commission and other regulatory agencies, under the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among PNG, Delta and Drake, dated as of February 20, 2017 (the "APM"). A fully executed copy of

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