

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DELTA)	CASE NO.
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. FOR)	2021-00326
ISSUANCE OF INDEBTEDNESS)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.

Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Delta), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on September 24, 2021. The Commission directs Delta to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

Delta shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Delta obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Delta fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Delta shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Delta shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the revised Application, paragraph 5. Also refer to Case No. 2021-00185² (2021 Rate Case), Tab 63, Exhibit J, page 3 of 3. The application states that the new long-term debt is expected to be issued on or before December 31, 2021; however, Exhibit J of the 2021 Rate Case states that the issue date will be November 2021. Explain why the issue date was extended a month.

2. Refer to the revised Application, paragraph 5 and Exhibit 3, page 3.

a. Confirm that Delta's short-term debt balance is \$8,391,595. If this cannot be confirmed, provide Delta's current short-term debt balance.

² Case No. 2021-00185, *Electronic Application of Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of Its Rates and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* (filed June 4, 2021).

b. Provide the amount of short-term debt that will be refinanced with the proposed note.

c. Provide the purpose of the amount of the \$26 million note that exceeds the amount of short-term debt that Delta will refinance, and explain how the total amount of the proposed note was determined.

d. Provide the proposed note's impact on Delta's capital structure.

3. Refer to the revised Application, paragraph 6. Delta notes that PNG Companies LLC (PNG) will obtain the funds for Delta from Essential Utilities, Inc. (Essential) and the interest rates and maturity dates of the long-term debt issued by Essential will form the basis for the interest rate and maturity date. Explain if the interest rate applied to Delta will be the same as the interest rate secured by Essential from PNG. If different, explain the difference and provide support for this difference.



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