COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF BLAZER ENERGY CORPORATION, INC., A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF EASTERN STATES OIL & GAS, INC. TO ADJUST RATES

CASE NO. 98-489

<u>ORDER</u>

On September 9, 1998, Blazer Energy Corporation, Inc. ("Blazer Energy") applied to the Commission for authority to adjust its rates for service rendered on and after November 9, 1998.

The Commission finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

The proposed rates are hereby suspended for 5 months from November
9, 1998 up to and including April 8, 1999.

2. The procedural schedule listed in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

3. All requests for information and responses thereto shall be appropriately indexed. All responses shall include the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 10 copies to the Commission.

4. Blazer Energy shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, the Applicant shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

5. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of compelling reasons.

6. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of October, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTESIT:

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 98-489 DATED OCTOBER 22, 1998

All requests for information to Blazer Energy shall be filed no later than
Blazer Energy shall mail or deliver responses to the requests for information no later than
All supplemental requests for information (to include only those matters within the scope of the initial requests) to Blazer Energy shall be filed no later than
Blazer Energy shall mail or deliver responses to supplemental requests for information no later than
Intervenor testimony, if any, shall be filed in verified prepared form no later than
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than01/08/99
Intervenors shall mail or deliver responses to requests for information no later than01/15/99
Last day for Blazer Energy to publish notice of hearing date
Public Hearing is to begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Blazer Energy and witnesses of the Intervenors