

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF DELTA NATURAL GAS	)	
COMPANY, INC. FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL	)	CASE NO.
OF A NATURAL GAS PURCHASING PLAN TO	)	2003-00172
MITIGATE PRICE VOLATILITY	)	

ORDER

On May 9, 2003, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ( Delta ) filed a letter with the Commission s executive director outlining its plans for managing its natural gas supply purchases in order to mitigate natural gas price volatility. In the letter, Delta requested Commission approval of its plans. Based on its review of Delta s letter and the plans outlined therein, the Commission finds that the letter should be treated as an application and that additional inquiry into Delta s price mitigation plans is necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Delta shall file a report describing in detail its natural gas price mitigation plans for the upcoming heating season.
2. Delta shall include in its report a summary of price mitigation activities that it has engaged in during any of the past three winter heating seasons.
3. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A to this Order shall be followed in this proceeding.
4. All interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be appropriately indexed. Responses shall include the name of the individual responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

5. Service of any document or pleading shall be made in accordance with Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 3(7), and Kentucky Civil Rule 5.02.

6. All documents that the Commission requires any party to file with the Commission shall also be served upon all parties of record at or before the time of filing.

7. All parties shall respond to any interrogatories and requests for production of documents that Commission Staff submits in accordance with the procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A.

8. 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 good cause.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

*Wm H. I. Barker*  
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Executive Director

Deputy

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APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2003-00172 DATED MAY 23, 2003

Delta shall file its report on its natural gas price mitigation plans no later than	06/02/03
Initial interrogatories to Delta shall be filed no later than	.06/09/03
Delta s responses to initial interrogatories shall be filed no later than	..06/16/03
An informal conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission s offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of discussing issues related to Delta s natural gas price mitigation plan	06/19/03
Any party desiring a hearing shall file its request for a hearing or, as an alternative, file written comments, no later than	...06/26/03
Public Hearing, if necessary, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses and intervenors	.To be scheduled at a later date