

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC REVIEW OF THE PILOT)	
PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)	CASE NO. 2022-00403
EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE OF GAS LOCAL)	
DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES)	

DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.’S COMMENTS

Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Delta”) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments regarding the Economic Development Extension (“EDX”) Pilot Program. Delta commends the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention, and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development for developing and supporting the EDX Pilot Program.

As noted in the Commission’s Order opening this proceeding, Delta quickly sought and obtained approval for an EDX project. The EDX Pilot Program enabled Delta to extend service to the Lincoln County Business Park, which was “shovel ready” but for the lack of natural gas service. The Stanford/Lincoln County Industrial Authority has experienced increased interest in the industrial park since Delta piped it for natural gas, and Delta is currently serving its first customer in the Park, which is a nationwide distributor. Delta is pleased to enclose a letter from George Leamon, the Executive Director, Stanford-Lincoln County Industrial Development Authority, regarding the importance of this service extension to the area.

Moreover, the interstate pipeline tap, which was also constructed through the EDX Pilot Program, is now the cornerstone of a 22-mile pipeline being built with funds earmarked by the Kentucky General Assembly. This pipeline will extend natural gas service to unserved residential, commercial, and the industrial customers of Crab Orchard in Lincoln County and Broadhead, Mt.

Vernon, and Renfro Valley in Rockcastle County. This project, identified as Phase 3 in Delta's original EDX application, no longer needs to be funded through a future EDX because local and state officials secured the funding through the state budget, which is another example of a successful public and private partnership.

The EDX Pilot Program has demonstrated how government, industry, and regulators in Kentucky can work together to move this state forward in a way that will pay dividends for decades to come. Given Delta's positive experience with this program, Delta asks the Commission to consider converting the program from a pilot to permanent initiative.

Dated January 19, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(7), this is to certify that Delta's January 19, 2023 electronic filing is a true and accurate copy of the documents being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on January 19, 2023; and that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means.

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STANFORD - LINCOLN COUNTY

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 17, 2023

Linda Bridwell, P.E.
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
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Dear Ms. Bridwell

Stanford-Lincoln County Industrial Development Authority (SLCIDA) is excited to share comments concerning the Economic Development Extension ("EDX") Pilot Program. The EDX provided Lincoln County the ability to secure crucial natural gas services to new and existing business and industry. Although our existing industrial park was "shovel ready", the park was not served by a natural gas supplier. Through the efforts of Delta Natural Gas Company and many local officials, we now have an 8-inch pipeline to serve existing and new clients in the Rowland Industrial Park. Within the last year, Governor Beshear cut the ribbon on Pitman Creek Wholesale. Pitman Creek Wholesale constructed a 200,000 square foot facility that employs approximately 150 full time staff, and it is served by the natural gas services that were made feasible by the EDX.

SCLIDA continues to field new interest in our park regularly. We are currently in the process of constructing two (2) certified "Build-Ready" sites in the park. The "Build Ready" sites would not have been considered without natural gas service. In addition to the new "Build-Ready" sites, SLCIDA is actively planning future industrial park opportunities that will be served by the gas line expansion. Discussions are currently underway to evaluate a new regional industrial park in this service corridor.

In closing, please allow us to applaud the efforts of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention, and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development for developing and supporting the EDX Pilot Program. The EDX program will change the economic vitality in Lincoln County and the entire Highway 150 corridor for generations

Sincerely,

George E. Leamon
Executive Director