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Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC
Attention: Lindsey W. Ingram, III
300 West Vine Street, Suite 2100
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Re: Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Petition for Confidential Protection received 6/8/10
PSC Reference #: 2010-00116

Dear Mr. Ingram:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on June 8, 2010 on behalf of Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Delta's Responses to Items 2, 29, 31 and 47 of the Attorney General's Data Request dated May 24, 2010. The information is more particularly described as (Item 2) – Delta Board of Director Minutes for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010; (Item 29 – Federal and State Tax Returns for 2007, 2008 and 2009; (Item 31) – Worksheets used to reconcile book income and tax liability for 2007, 2008 and 2009; and (Item 47) – 5-year operating, maintenance, and capital budgets prepared for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Delta's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors. In addition, certain portions of the materials are exempted by law.


Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Delta's competitors, and certain portions are exempted by law. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the

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Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record