

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 02P-306G

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUBMITTAL FOR DETERMINATION OF COMPLETENESS OF
2002-2003 GAS PURCHASE PLAN OF KINDER MORGAN, INC.

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR
WAIVER OF GCA AND GPR FILING DATE FOR
THE NORTHEASTERN COLORADO SERVICE AREA**

Mailed Date: September 22, 2003
Adopted Date: September 17, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of an application filed by Kinder Morgan, Inc. (KMI), pursuant to 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-8-11, for a waiver of the provisions of 4 CCR 723-8-2, that requires KMI to file its annual Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) and Gas Purchase Report (GPR) by September 17, 2003, with an effective date of October 1, 2003.

2. According to the language of 4 CCR 723-8-2, KMI is required to file its annual GCA and GPR pertaining to its Northeast Colorado service area by September 17, 2003, with an effective date of October 1, 2003. The effective date for the GCA and GPR filings for KMI's Western Slope and North Central service areas is November 1, 2003, whereas the effective date for the GCA and GPR filings for its Southern service areas is October 1, 2003.

3. KMI points out that it is the only Colorado utility subject to two separate effective dates for its annual GCA and GPR filings due to its separate service areas. KMI states that this

dual filing requirement results in inefficiencies in preparing the filings. A single effective date for all of its annual GCA and GPR filings would eliminate these inefficiencies, according to KMI. As a result, KMI requests an extension of time to file its GCA and GPR for its Northeastern Colorado service area until October 17, 2003, with an effective date of November 1, 2003.

4. Now, being duly advised in the matter, we grant KMI's application for waiver of 4 CCR 723-8-2 and request for extension of time to file its GCA and GPR.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The application of Kinder Morgan, Inc., for a waiver of the requirements of 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-8-2 is granted.

2. The request of Kinder Morgan, Inc., for an extension of time until October 17, 2003 to file its Gas Cost Adjustment and Gas Purchase Report for its Northeastern Colorado service area is granted.

3. The effective date of Kinder Morgan, Inc.'s Gas Cost Adjustment and Gas Purchase Report for its Northeastern Colorado service area shall be November 1, 2003.

4. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
September 17, 2003.**

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