

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

DOCKET NO. 02A-548G

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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATURAL GAS COMPANY AND KINDER MORGAN, INC. FOR AN ORDER GRANTING APPROVALS AND CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

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**INTERIM ORDER OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DALE E. ISLEY  
GRANTING JOINT REQUEST TO  
MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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Mailed Date: January 16, 2003

**I. STATEMENT**

1. By telephone conference call to the undersigned on January 15, 2003, counsel for Rocky Mountain Natural Gas Company, Kinder Morgan, Inc., the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), and the Staff of the Commission (Staff) requested that the procedural schedule established in this matter by Decision No. R02-1428-I be modified in order to facilitate ongoing settlement discussions. Specifically, the parties requested that the deadline imposed for filing Staff and OCC's answer testimony and exhibits be extended from January 21, 2003, to January 24, 2003.

2. In light of the Commission's policy favoring the settlement of contested proceedings, good cause has been shown for the requested modification. Given the tight procedural schedule applicable to this case, further requests to modify the same are discouraged. The parties are encouraged finalize settlement discussions so that either a stipulation describing any agreed resolution of this matter or the required answer testimony/exhibits can be submitted on or before January 24, 2003.

**II. ORDER****A. It Is Ordered That:**

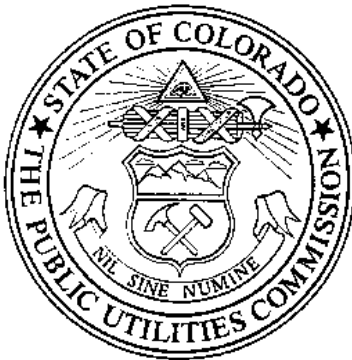
1. The joint request of Rocky Mountain Natural Gas Company, Kinder Morgan, Inc., the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel, and the Staff of the Commission to modify the procedural schedule established in the captioned proceeding is granted.

2. Section II.A.3. of Decision No. R02-1428-I is modified to read as follows: The Staff of the Commission and the Office of Consumer Counsel shall file their written answer testimony and exhibits no later than January 24, 2003.

3. In all other respects, that procedural schedule established by Decision No. R02-1428-I shall remain the same.

4. This Order shall be effective immediately.

(SEAL)



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DALE E. ISLEY

Administrative Law Judge

