

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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DOCKET NO. 96A-107G

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COLORADO NATURAL GAS FOR
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING THE
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE AND
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

INTERIM ORDER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
ARTHUR G. STALIWE

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Mailed Date: December 6, 1996
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I. STATEMENT

Pursuant to § 40-6-109.5 (4), C.R.S., the Commission under extraordinary conditions, and after notice and a hearing, may extend the time limits specified for applications for a period not to exceed an additional 90 days. In this case notice was sent out on December 3, 1996, with facsimile service same day, advising the parties that a forthwith hearing per §40-6-109.5, C.R.S., was going to be held on December 6, 1996. On December 5, 1996, counsel for the propane users group and counsel for Applicant orally advised this office that they had no objection to the Commission extending the time, and that a written letter to that effect would be sent via U. S. mail.

On December 6, 1996, the matter was called for hearing and there was no appearance by, or on behalf of, any other party to this proceeding. On its own motion this office took official notice of the Commission's calendar, which for the preceding two

months has been filled with time-critical communications and energy dockets, rendering it difficult for the Commission to concentrate on other matters such as this case. Accordingly, because of the exigent press of business, it is necessary that the time limits be extended an additional 90 days.

II. ORDER

It is Ordered That:

1. The time limits ordinarily set forth in § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S. are hereby extended for an additional 90 days in order that the Commission may deal with the Exceptions previously filed.
2. This order is effective immediately.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Administrative Law Judge