

Decision No. R14-0981-I

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

PROCEEDING NO. 14AL-0285G

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IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 84 FILED BY ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATURAL GAS LLC TO RECOVER COSTS FOR SYSTEM SAFETY AND INTEGRITY PROJECTS THROUGH THE SYSTEM SAFETY AND INTEGRITY RIDER (SSIR) TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014.

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**INTERIM DECISION OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
ROBERT I. GARVEY  
GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER TESTIMONY AND  
EXHIBITS AND WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME**

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Mailed Date: August 13, 2014

**I. STATEMENT**

1. On March 31, 2014, Rocky Mountain Natural Gas, LLC (Rocky Mountain) filed Advice Letter No. 84. Rocky Mountain stated that the purpose of the filing was to comply with the terms of a Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation) approved in consolidated Proceeding Nos. 13A-0046G, 13AL-0067G, and 13AL-0143G. Rocky Mountain agreed in the Stipulation that it would file an Advice Letter to implement a cost recovery mechanism for pipeline system safety and integrity projects through a System Safety and Integrity Rider.

2. By Decision No. C14-0580, issued May 3, 2014, the effective date of the Advice letter was suspended until September 29, 2014. The matter was also referred to an Administrative Law Judge for disposition

3. On June 24, 2014, Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) filed its Notice of Intervention as of Right, Entry of Appearance, Notice Pursuant to Rule 1007(a) and

Rule 1403(b), and Request for Hearing. As required by Rule 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-1007(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, in that filing Staff identified the Trial Advocacy (litigation) Staff and the Advisory Staff. Staff is an intervenor as of right and a party in this proceeding.

4. On June 25, 2014, Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) filed its Notice of Intervention of Right, Entry of Appearance, and Request for Hearing. OCC is an intervenor as of right and a party in this proceeding.

5. By Interim Decision No. R14-0687-I, issued on June 24, 2014, a prehearing conference was scheduled for July 8, 2014.

6. By Interim Decision No. R14-0804-I issued on July 11, 2014, the procedural schedule, agreed to by the parties at the prehearing conference was adopted. The procedural schedule called for Staff and the OCC to file Answer Testimony by August 12, 2014.

7. On August 11, 2014, Staff filed its Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer Testimony and Exhibits and Request for Waiver of Response Time (Motion). As grounds Staff states that a Staff witness has encountered personal issues which have delayed the witness in preparing testimony. The Motion requests an extension to file Answer Testimony until August 13, 2014. Staff also requests that Rebuttal Testimony be extended until September 4, 2014.

8. Rocky Mountain and the OCC do not object to the relief requested.

9. Good cause having been found the Motion shall be granted. Response time to the Motion is waived.

**II. ORDER**

**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer Testimony and Exhibits and Request for Waiver of Response Time (Motion) filed by Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) on August 11, 2014, is granted.
2. The deadline for Staff and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel to file Answer Testimony is extended one day, until August 13, 2014.
3. The deadline for Rocky Mountain Natural Gas, LLC to file Rebuttal Testimony is extended one day, until September 4, 2014.
4. Response time to the Motion is waived.
5. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ROBERT I. GARVEY

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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,  
Director