

E-308/C-92-1146 ORDER EXTENDING TIME PERIODS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Formal
Complaint by Don and Jeanine
Wolbeck Regarding Stray Voltage
Against Sauk Centre Water,
Light, and Power Commission

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 23, 1993 the Commission issued its ORDER SETTING GUIDELINES FOR HERD HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND ESTABLISHING COMMENT PERIOD in the above-entitled case. The case is a complaint proceeding in which complainants allege stray voltage on their utility's distribution system is adversely affecting the health and productivity of their dairy herd, rendering service inadequate under Minn. Stat. § § 216B.04.

Among other things, the November 23 Order established deadlines for required filings. Complainants were to file a herd health assessment by December 1. Comments on the herd health assessment and electrical testing results filed earlier were due 30 days thereafter. Final comments were due 15 days after that. The herd health assessment was duly filed on December 1, 1993.

On December 21, 1993 complainants asked the Commission to extend the initial and reply comment deadlines set in the November 23 Order to January 15, 1994 and February 1, 1994, due to illness in their family. Complainant's utility, the Sauk Centre Water, Light, and Power Commission, opposed the request on grounds of unreasonable delay. The Department of Public Service did not oppose the request.

The matter came before the Commission on December 23, 1994.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission shares the utility's desire to resolve this Complaint promptly, but believes justice requires granting the requested time extension. Complainants need more time to prepare initial comments due to factors beyond their control. It would be unfair and counterproductive to deny them an effective opportunity to file initial comments.

The time extension will be granted. The Commission will move the deadline for initial comments from the date requested, January 15, to the first working day thereafter, January 18, and will move the reply deadline to February 2, to allow the original time frame of 15 days for reply comments.

ORDER

1. The deadlines for initial and reply comments set in the November 23 Order are extended to January 18, 1994 and February 2, 1994.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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