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ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Request for Approval by
Peoples Natural Gas Company to Modify
Existing Method for Recovery of Lost
Margins and Shareholder Incentives Relating
to Conservation Improvement Programs

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 16, 1996, the Commission issued an Order in this matter. Among other things, the Order directed Peoples Natural Gas Company (Peoples or the Company) to file both its annual Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) adjustment report and its Demand Side Management (DSM) financial incentive report by June 1, with the first filing on June 1, 1997.

On May 27, 1997, Peoples filed a letter requesting a month extension to July 1, 1997 to file these reports.

On June 12, 1997, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In support of its request for a one month extension (to July 1, 1997) to file the required reports, Peoples stated that it has not yet been able to summarize the data for the DMS Financial Incentive Report and apologized for any inconvenience this causes. No party objected to the Company's request.

The Commission finds that the request is reasonable and will grant. No party appears prejudiced thereby and the overall process remains intact. Although one of the two reports is apparently ready to file, there is benefit in receiving and reviewing both at the same time. This extension will help the Company coordinate its filings.

To clarify, this Order does not establish a new annual filing date for these reports. The June 1 filing date established for these reports in the Commission's December 16, 1996 Order remains in effect.

ORDER

1. The request of Peoples Natural Gas for a 30-day extension to file this year's Annual CIP Adjustment Report and its DSM Financial Incentive Report is granted. The Company shall file both reports on or before July 1, 1997.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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