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ORDER AFFIRMING ORIGINAL ORDER

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Edward A. Garvey	Chair
Joel Jacobs	Commissioner
Marshall Johnson	Commissioner
LeRoy Koppendrayner	Commissioner
Gregory Scott	Commissioner

In the Matter of Reliant Energy Minnegasco's  
1998 DSM Financial Incentives and CIP  
Tracker Report Compliance Filing

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In the Matter of an Investigation into the  
Reasonableness of the Rates of Reliant Energy  
Minnegasco for Natural Gas Service in  
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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On June 21, 1999 the Commission issued an Order in this case permitting Reliant Energy Minnegasco to book to a tracker account for later rate recovery some \$1.2 million in lost margins and bonuses under the Company's demand-side management financial incentives program. The Order also initiated an investigation into the reasonableness of the Company's rates.

On July 12, 1999 the Residential and Small Business Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General filed a petition for reconsideration.

Minnegasco, the Minnesota Department of Public Service, and two divisions of UtiliCorp United Inc. (Peoples Natural Gas Company and Northern Minnesota Utilities) filed comments opposing the petition for reconsideration.

The petition came before the Commission on August 5, 1999.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Commission has reviewed the record and heard the arguments of all parties, who have again presented their cases clearly and concisely. Having examined the issues once again, however, the Commission continues to believe its original decision was correct and should be affirmed.

The Commission will so order.

**ORDER**

1. The June 21, 1999 Order in this case is affirmed.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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