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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)	
STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
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Petitioner)	Case No. 000077
)	
vs.)	Parcel 19G 0084
)	
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE COMPANY OF)	
AMERICA, a Delaware corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER
AND CONTINUANCE OF HEARING DATE**

The Defendant, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (“NGPL”), by and through its counsel, Michael L. Beatty & Associates, P.C., moves this Hearing Examiner for an extension of time within which to answer Petitioners’ request for approval to take property and a continuance of the hearing which is set for March 7, 2000, and, as grounds therefore, states as follows:

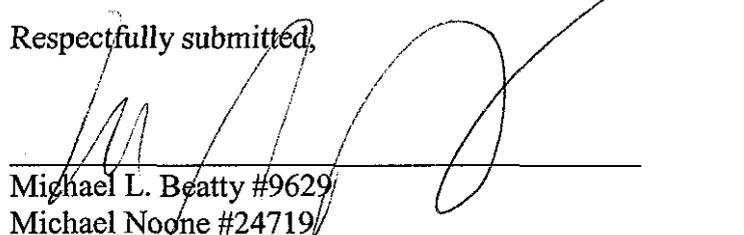
1. NGPL was served with the Petition for Approval to Take Property on February 11, 2000. NGPL's answer or other response is presently due on March 1, 2000.
2. The parties are actively engaged in negotiations and anticipate that this case can be settled without the need for judicial intervention.
3. The parties require an additional thirty days to complete negotiations.
4. Both parties and counsel have conferred regarding this requested extension, and opposing counsel has no objection to the Hearing Examiner granting this Motion.

5. There have been no prior extensions of time requested by either party in this case, and neither party shall be prejudiced by granting this Motion,

WHEREFORE, NGPL prays that the Hearing Examiner enter an Order extending the time within which NGPL may answer or otherwise respond to the Petition for thirty (30) days to April 3, 2000, and continue the hearing date presently set for March 7, 2000, to a date convenient to the Hearing Examiner.

DATED this 29th day of Feb, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this, ~~21st~~, day of ~~February~~ March d c o r r e c t c o p y of the foregoing MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER AND CONTINUANCE OF HEARING DATE was served via U.S. Postal Service, postage prepaid, and addressed to the following:

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ORDER

THIS MATTER, having come before the Hearing Examiner on Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America's MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER AND CONTINUANCE OF HEARING DATE, and the Hearing Examiner being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America's MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER AND CONTINUANCE OF HEARING DATE are GRANTED. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America shall have up to and including April 3, 2000 in which to answer or otherwise respond to the Plaintiffs Petition for Approval to Take Property. The hearing date currently set for March 7, 2000, is hereby continued to

_____ DATED this _____ day of _____, 2000.

BY THE COURT:

Phillip Casey, Hearing Examiner

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PROPOSED HEARING DATES

As requested by the Hearing Examiner, following are dates proposed by the parties for the continued hearing currently set for March 7, 2000:

- March 3, 2000
- March 4, 2000
- March 5, 2000
- March 6, 2000
- March 7, 2000
- March 17, 2000
- March 18, 2000