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**CONOCO PHILLIPS ALASKA)
NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)
AND)
MARATHON OIL COMPANY)**

FE DOCKET NO. 07-02-LNG

**ORDER EXTENDING TIME
TO REVIEW PENDING MOTIONS**

MAY 9, 2007

BACKGROUND

On January 10, 2007, Conoco Phillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation (CPANGC) and Marathon Oil Company (Marathon) (jointly, applicants) filed an application requesting that the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) grant them blanket authority to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Japan and/or one or more countries on either side of the Pacific Rim over a two year period commencing April 1, 2009 and terminating March 31, 2011. On March 8, 2007, FE published a notice of the application inviting protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments. *See*, 72 FR 10507.

FE received numerous timely filed comments, protests, a notice to intervene and motions to intervene by the April 9, 2007 due date for such filings, as specified by regulation (10 C.F.R. 590.302, 590.303, and 590.304). On April 20, 2007, the applicants jointly filed a motion seeking additional time until May 8, 2007 in which to respond to the various motions to intervene, comments, and protests. On April 24, 2007, FE granted the applicants' motion. On May 8, 2007, the applicants jointly filed an answer to various written motions.

Of the pleadings received by FE on April 9, 2007, two included requests for additional procedures. The State of Alaska (the State) filed a motion asking for trial type procedures with discovery and permission to submit additional reply comments in response to any answer that the applicants may file. Tesoro Corporation and its subsidiary, Tesoro Alaska Company (jointly, Tesoro) filed a motion requesting an opportunity to file reply comments; a preliminary conference of the parties that could include settlement discussions, stipulation of issues, and/or setting additional procedures; an opportunity to conduct discovery; a public hearing in Anchorage, Alaska to address local public interest issues; an opportunity to make an oral presentation; and an opportunity to hold evidentiary trial-type proceedings.

Under the Department's regulations, motions for relief are generally denied if no action has been taken within 30 days of their submission. The exceptions to this rule include motions to intervene and motions requesting a conference, oral presentation, or trial type hearing. *See*, 10 CFR 590.302(c). Of the motions received by FE in this proceeding on April 9, 2007, the requests by the State and Tesoro for an opportunity to submit reply comments and for formal discovery will be denied in the absence of action by FE by May 9, 2007.

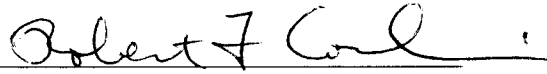
DECISION

FE finds that no action should be taken on the April 9 motions until FE has had an opportunity to review the applicants' answer. Good cause exists, therefore, to defer ruling on the pending motions that were filed herein on April 9, 2007.

ORDER

For the reasons set forth above, it is ordered that, pursuant to 10 CFR 590.302(c) of DOE's procedural rules, FE will extend the time for ruling on the pending motions filed on April 9, 2007 in this proceeding until FE has had an opportunity to review the applicants' answer.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 9, 2007.

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