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STATE OF ALASKA

THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Before Commissioners:

Kate Giard, Chairman
Dave Harbour
Mark K. Johnson
Anthony A. Price
Janis W. Wilson

In the Matter of the Application Filed by)
GOLDEN VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION)
GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION)
COOPERATIVE, INC. for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity for Authority to)
Provide Wholesale Electric Generation and)
Transmission Service to GOLDEN VALLEY)
ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.)

U-06-69
ORDER NO. 1

**ORDER ADDRESSING TIMELINE FOR DECISION,
DESIGNATING COMMISSION PANEL,
AND APPOINTING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

BY THE COMMISSION:

Summary

We address a timeline for decision and extend the time to review the application to determine if it is complete. The Chairman designates the commission panel, a docket manager, and appoints an administrative law judge.

Background

GVEA G&T filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authority to provide wholesale electric generation and transmission service to Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc.¹

¹Application of Golden Valley Electric Association Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc. for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, filed June 30, 2006.

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Discussion

Decision Timeline

We are required by AS 42.05.175 to issue a final decision regarding a certificate of public convenience and necessity not later than six months after the date a complete application is filed. We have not yet determined whether the application is complete. Therefore, we do not establish a statutory timeline in this order. For good cause, we extend our time to determine if the application is complete to July 31, 2006.

Commission Panel

The Chairman designates Commissioners Kate Giard, Mark K. Johnson, and Dave Harbour as the commission panel² and further designates Commissioner Giard as the commission docket manager.

Administrative Law Judge

Under AS 42.04.070(b), the Chairman appoints Chief Administrative Law Judge David A. Lawrence to facilitate conduct of the docket. The administrative law judge will issue procedural orders in this docket including discovery orders, unless the commission docket manager determines that a particular procedural order should be issued by the commission panel.³ Orders issued by the administrative law judge will be

²For docketed matters under AS 42.05, the Chairman designates a commission panel to hear, or, if a hearing is not required, to otherwise consider and decide the matter.

³The Chairman directs the administrative law judge to consult with the commission docket manager before issuing the first administrative law judge order in this proceeding. The commission docket manager, after consultation with other members of the panel, may delegate to the administrative law judge whatever authority to issue procedural orders he or she considers necessary or advisable in this docket.

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considered orders of the commission for purposes of petitions for reconsideration under AS 42.05.271.⁴

ORDER

THE COMMISSION FURTHER ORDERS:

1. The time to determine whether the application filed by Golden Valley Electric Association Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc. is complete is extended to July 31, 2006.

2. The commission panel shall consist of Kate Giard, Mark K. Johnson, and Dave Harbour.

3. Commissioner Kate Giard is designated as the commission docket manager.

4. David A. Lawrence, Chief Administrative Law Judge, is appointed as administrative law judge in this proceeding.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage, Alaska, this 20th day of July, 2006.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION
(Commissioners Anthony A. Price and
Janis W. Wilson, not participating.)

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⁴AS 42.05.171 states, in pertinent part:

A party may file a petition for reconsideration of, or an administrative appeal of, a decision by a hearing examiner, an arbitrator, a mediator, or an administrative law judge that has been approved by the commission, or a decision of a hearing panel.