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ConocoPhillips Alaska)	
Natural Gas Corporation)	
and)	FE Docket No. 07-02-LNG
Marathon Oil Company)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION OF AGRIUM U.S. INC.FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

On October 31, 2007, Tesoro Corporation and its subsidiary, Tesoro Alaska Company (jointly, Tesoro), filed a withdrawal of their protest of the application in the instant proceeding. No party responded to Tesoro's withdrawal of protest.

On November 13, 2007, ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation and Marathon Oil Company (Applicants) filed a revised "Answer of ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation and Marathon Oil Company to Motion of Agrium U.S. Inc." The answer was filed originally on October 26, 2007 and a minor correction was submitted on October 29, 2007. On November 20, 2007, Agrium U.S. Inc. (Agrium) filed a response in support of the Applicants' submission of a revised answer. Applicants and Agrium generally agree that the revised answer is needed to correct the record. Other than Agrium, no party has responded to the Applicant's submission of a revised answer.

Upon review, Tesoro's protest will be deemed withdrawn. However, the withdrawal will not affect Tesoro's continuing status as a party to this proceeding, including its right to receive timely service of all pleadings submitted by other parties.

Additionally, the Applicants' revised answer will be accepted for filing and made part of the administrative record. We construe Applicants' November 13 submission as a substantive change out of time of the October 26 pleading. Accordingly, we will treat the submission in the nature of a motion for leave to amend the October 26 pleading. Based on the presentation in the November 13 filing and Agrium's November 20 response, we find that the revised answer is a warranted correction of the record and should be accepted for filing and made part of the record.

Accordingly, Tesoro's protest is withdrawn and Applicants' revised answer, filed November 13 is accepted for filing and made part of the record herein.

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