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Re: *ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation and Marathon Oil Company, FE Docket No. 07-02-LNG*

Dear Mr. Corbin:

ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation ("CPANGC") and Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") (collectively "Applicants") respectfully request an extension of time from April 24, 2007 to and including May 8, 2007 to file an answer to the motions to intervene, comments and protests filed in this proceeding on April 9, 2007.

Under 10 C.F.R. §§ 590.303(e) and 590.304(f) of the Department of Energy's ("DOE") procedural rules, an answer to a motion to intervene or a protest must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the motion to intervene or protest is filed "unless a later date is permitted ... for good cause shown." The Applicants submit that good cause exists for DOE to grant their request for a fourteen (14) day extension of time to file an omnibus answer to the numerous motions to intervene, comments and protests filed on April 9, 2007.

Administrative efficiency would be served by the extension of time. Despite devoting substantial resources to review and analyze the positions set forth in these pleadings, the Applicants have determined that the 15-day period allotted by DOE's procedural rules will

not afford them adequate time to craft detailed responses on each issue and obtain the necessary management approval within both companies.¹

The extension of time requested by CPANGC and Marathon is consistent with similar extension requests previously granted by DOE.² Consistent with DOE precedent, the extension of time requested by CPANGC and Marathon is brief, will not adversely affect any other participant in this proceeding, and will not delay the ultimate resolution of this proceeding. CPANGC and Marathon request that DOE act upon this request for an extension of time before the 15-day answer period expires on April 24, 2007.

Marathon would also like to request the following modification to the official service list in this proceeding in order to reflect a recent change in personnel:

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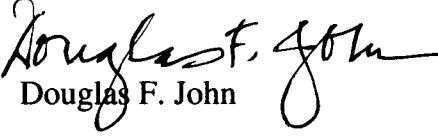
The Applicants are serving a copy of this letter by e-mail on counsel for each of the entities that have sought to intervene in this proceeding. The Applicants do so without prejudice to their right in their answer to contest the qualifications of any of these entities for intervenor status in this proceeding.

If you have any questions concerning either of these requests, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (202) 429-8801. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of these matters.

¹ Applicants note that in respect to that, although many participants sent a courtesy copy of their respective pleadings to the Applicants by email on or before the April 9, 2007 due date, one of the participants elected not to do so and its protest was not delivered to counsel by mail until April 11, 2007.

² See *Phillips Alaska Natural Gas Corp. and Marathon Oil Co.*, 1 FE ¶ 71,417 (1997) (granting a three week extension of time to file an answer to motions to intervene, requests and protests for good cause shown).

Respectfully submitted,


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