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**Determination of Incentive Rate Return, Tariff and Related Issues for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, Docket No. RM78-12**

**Order Granting Rehearing for the Purpose of Further Consideration and Staying Ordering Paragraph (A) of Order No. 31**

(Issued August 6, 1979)

**Before Commissioners: Charles B. Curtis, Chairman; Georgiana Sheldon, Matthew Holden, Jr. and George R. Hall.**

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On July 9, 1979 Alaskan Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company, Northern Border Pipeline Company and Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company filed separate applications for rehearing of [Order No. 31](#), issued in the above-captioned proceeding on June 8, 1979, [7 FERC ¶61,237](#). On July 24, 1979 the Commission's Staff also filed for rehearing of [Order No. 31](#).<sup>1</sup> The applications for rehearing raise various issues regarding the lawfulness and appropriateness of the actions taken by the Commission in [Order No. 31](#).

The Commission has not yet concluded its deliberations on the issues raised in the applications for rehearing. It is therefore appropriate and in the public interest to grant rehearing for the purpose of further consideration. It is also appropriate to stay the effective date of Ordering Paragraph (A). A new effective date shall be prescribed at such time as the Commission issues its order on rehearing of the issues raised in the applications for rehearing.

*The Commission orders:*

(A) The application for rehearing filed by Alaskan Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company, Northern Border Pipeline Company, Michigan Wisconsin Pipeline Company and Commission Staff are hereby granted for the limited purpose of further consideration. As provided by Section 1.34(d) of the Commission's Regulations, no answers to the application will be entertained by the Commission since this order does not grant rehearing on any substantive issues.

(B) Ordering Paragraph (A) of [Order No. 31](#), issued June 8, 1979, is stayed pending disposition of the applications on rehearing.

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<sup>1</sup> Staff's opportunity to file for rehearing was provided upon the Commission's own motion by order of June 22, 1979. On July 6, 1979 the Staff was given additional time to file its application for rehearing.