

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS: **Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman**
 Pamela Jones Harbour
 Jon Leibowitz
 William E. Kovacic
 J. Thomas Rosch

In the Matter of)	
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EQUITABLE RESOURCES, INC.,)	
a corporation,)	
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DOMINION RESOURCES, INC.,)	
a corporation,)	
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CONSOLIDATED NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	Docket No. 9322
a corporation,)	
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and)	
)	
THE PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	
a corporation.)	
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ORDER STAYING DISCOVERY

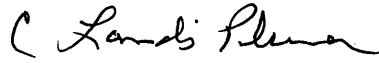
Respondents filed a "Motion to Remove Matter from Adjudication" with the Commission on May 16, 2007. Yesterday, Complaint Counsel filed a "Motion to Stay Complaint Counsel's Discovery Obligations Pending Resolution of Respondents' Motion to Remove Matter From Adjudication." Absent an order staying discovery, both parties are obligated under the Commission's April 24, 2007 Scheduling Order to respond today to any discovery requests made before the Scheduling Order was entered.

According to Complaint Counsel's Motion to Stay, Respondents have stated that they intend to object to Complaint Counsel's discovery requests on the basis of *res judicata*, and that they do not intend to produce responsive materials at this time. Complaint Counsel's motion also expresses concern about unfair advantage if they unilaterally produce discoverable materials, and they argue that the Commission's resolution of Respondents' Motion to Remove may resolve many of the same issues likely to be raised by Respondents' forthcoming objections.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT all discovery in this case be stayed pending the Commission's resolution of Respondents' Motion to Remove Matter from Adjudication.

By the Commission

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Landis Plummer".

C. Landis Plummer
Acting Secretary

ISSUED: May 24, 2007