

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: VIRGINIA POWER ENERGY MARKETING, INC.	DOCKET NO. WRU-01-33-3573
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ORDER GRANTING WAIVER OF FILING DATE

(Issued June 7, 2001)

On June 4, 2001, Virginia Power Energy Marketing, Inc. (Virginia Power), filed a request with the Utilities Board (Board) for an extension of the filing date for competitive natural gas providers to file for a certificate pursuant to 199 IAC 19.14(2). The subrule requires that competitive natural gas providers that were transporting gas to customers in Iowa prior to April 25, 2001, the effective date of 199 IAC 19.14, file for a certificate by June 1, 2001. Virginia Power states that it intends to file the application but is unable to do so by the June 1, 2001, date. Virginia Power requests a waiver of the filing date until July 1, 2001.

The Board finds the request for a waiver of the filing date reasonable and will grant the extension. The Board finds that the waiver requirements of 199 IAC 1.3 have been met and no person will be prejudiced since the application filing will only be delayed. Some competitive natural gas providers did not become aware of the June 1, 2001, filing date in time to prepare an application by that date. The intent of the rule is to ensure all competitive natural gas providers in the state are certificated.

A reasonable extension will not affect that goal. Since Virginia Power has filed for the extension, there should be no disruption of service to Virginia Power customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Virginia Power Energy Marketing, Inc., is granted until Monday, July 2, 2001, to file an application for a certificate as a competitive natural gas provider.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of June, 2001.