

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**March 27, 2006**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>REVIEW OF NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY'S</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>IPA RELATING TO ASSET MANAGEMENT FEES</b>	)	<b>05-00165</b>

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**ORDER GRANTING *AGREED MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS***

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This matter came before the Hearing Officer upon the filing of the *Agreed Motion to Stay Proceedings* on March 27, 2006. On November 28, 2005, a procedural schedule was issued in this docket.<sup>1</sup> On February 17, 2006, the *Motion to Amend Scheduling Order* was granted to extend the remaining filing deadlines by four (4) weeks to allow for continuing negotiations among TRA Audit Staff, Nashville Gas Company and the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division (together, the "Parties"). On March 21, 2006, the *Motion to Continue Scheduling Order* was granted to extend the remaining filing deadlines by one (1) additional week.

On March 27, 2006, the Parties filed the *Agreed Motion to Stay Proceedings*. The Parties state that they are still conducting good-faith negotiations and that, although the negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily, additional time is needed. Therefore, the Parties request in the interest of judicial economy that these proceedings be stayed to allow the settlement negotiations to proceed expeditiously. If the proceedings are stayed, the Parties agree and request that the proceedings be resumed upon any party's filing of a notice to resume the proceedings. If such a notice is filed, the Parties agree and request that the Direct Testimony be due fifteen (15) days

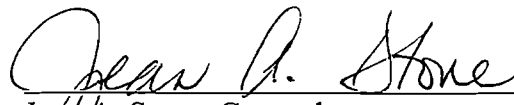
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<sup>1</sup> The procedural schedule was amended to allow additional time for Nashville Gas Company to file responses to Staff's second-round discovery requests. See *Order Amending Procedural Schedule* (January 17, 2006).

after the filing of the notice and that the remainder of the schedule follow from the date of the filing of the Direct Testimony in like intervals as the current procedural schedule.

The Hearing Officer finds that such requests are reasonable and should be granted. Therefore, the *Agreed Motion to Stay Proceedings* is granted and the proceedings in this docket are hereby stayed. However, the stay in these proceedings will be lifted and the proceedings will be resumed upon any party's filing of a notice to resume proceedings. If such a notice is filed, Direct Testimony will be due no later than fifteen (15) days after the filing of the notice. In addition, the remainder of the filings will be due in the same time intervals as set forth in the *Order Amending Procedural Schedule* issued on March 21, 2006. All such filings must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. on the dates due. If the proceedings resume, the Hearing date in this docket will be set by separate order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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As Hearing Officer