ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF A NOTICE OF INQUIRY)
REGARDING A RULEMAKING FOR)
DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING)
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS)

ORDER

By Order No. 3 of this docket the Commission initiated a collaborative process to begin on August 28, 2006, with a final collaborative report to be submitted to the Commission by October 13, 2006. The collaborative process will convene at 8:30 a.m. on August 28, 2006, at the University of Arkansas Cooperation Extension Service Auditorium located at 2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, and will conclude at approximately 5:00 p.m. Subsequent collaborative meetings are hereby scheduled for September 11th and 12th, September 25th and 26th, and October 9th and 10th. All of the collaborative meetings will be held at the Cooperative Extension Service Auditorium, with the exception of the September 11th and 12th meeting which will be held at the offices of the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation located at 1 Cooperative Way, Little Rock, Arkansas.

In order to make efficient progress in the timeframe established by Order No. 3, the Commission has elected to engage a facilitator for this collaborative process. The facilitator will manage each of the meetings of the collaborative process and organize each meeting agenda. The facilitator serves the collaborative participants, and will be responsible for the collaborative report to be submitted to the Commission at the conclusion of the process.

The Commission will be utilizing the services of the Regulatory Assistance Project, represented by Mr. Richard Sedano, as the facilitator of the collaborative process. Participants are encouraged to contact Mr. Sedano directly at any time with questions, suggestions or ideas concerning the collaborative. Mr. Sedano can be contacted at:

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The facilitator brings significant experience with regulatory issues associated with energy efficiency program regulatory policy and management. The facilitator will help collaborative participants to identify possible ways to implement energy efficiency programs in ways that strive to meet the needs of all. Consensus is a goal of the collaborative process.

Prior to the first collaborative meeting all participants should review and develop a thorough understanding of the written comments previously filed in this Docket. In addition all participants should thoroughly review the efficiency and conservation materials available through the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") web sites. Specifically note that the EPAct Section 139 (c) report will be posted on the DOE web site on, or shortly after, August 8, 2006. The *National Action Plan For Energy Efficiency*¹ will be posted on the EPA web

¹ The National Action Plan For Energy Efficiency is a broad, consensus-based energy action plan being developed through the collaborative efforts of a large coalition of public agencies and private companies across the country, with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), of which the Arkansas Public Service Commission is an active member, taking a lead role. A key component of the plan is for state policy makers to consider expanded use of energy efficiency measures within their states.

site on July 31st. The web site addresses are as follows:

National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency main site with link to the Action
 Plan Report to be released July 31, 2006:
 http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/eeactionplan.htm

DOE EPAct Page with link to Section 139(c) Report on findings of energy
efficient electric and natural gas utilities study to be released August 8, 2006.
http://oe.energy.gov/energy_policy_act.htm

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

This <u>25</u>^{7/2} day of July, 2006.

Sandra L. Hochstetter, Chairman

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Daryl E. Bassett, Commissioner

Randy Bynum, Commissioner

Diana K. Wilson

Secretary of the Commission

I hereby certify that the following order issued by the Arkansas Public Service Commission has been served on all parties of record this date by U.S. mult with postage prepaid, using the address of each party as indicated in the official docket lile.

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