

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Before the  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
August 4, 2005

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In the Matter of :  
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American Electric Power Company, Inc.: EXTENSION ORDER  
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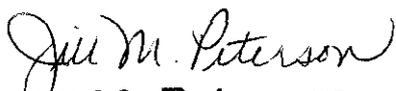
The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the American Public Power Association, American Electric Power Company, Inc, Public Citizen, Inc., and the Commission's Division of Investment Management have moved jointly to hold the briefing schedule in this matter in abeyance pending final action by the President of the United States on H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In their motion, counsel represent that public statements by the White House indicate that the President is likely to sign the Energy Policy Act of 2005 into law. Counsel assert further that, should the President sign the Energy Policy Act of 2005, this proceeding may become moot because Section 1263 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 would repeal PUHCA. The joint motion states that the parties are unanimous in their belief that holding this matter in abeyance until 14 days after the President acts on the bill would conserve the resources of the Commission and the parties.

Extensions of time are disfavored. It appears appropriate, however, to grant an extension under the circumstances. Therefore,

It is ORDERED that the briefing schedule is extended until 14 days after the President acts on the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

For the Commission, by its Secretary, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland  
Deputy Secretary

  
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Assistant Secretary