

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas)
Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. for)
Approval of an Accounting Order to Track)
Expenses Associated with the Investigating,) Docket No. 17-KGSG-455-ACT
Testing, Monitoring, Remediating and Other)
Work Performed at the Manufactured Gas)
Plant Sites Managed by Kansas Gas Service.)

**ORDER CANCELLING REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND RENDER A
DECISION ON PAPER RECORD**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On January 3, 2025, KGS filed an Application to Increase the Cap Placed on Accounting Authority Order requesting an increase of \$17 million to the current \$15 million cap for a total of \$32 million.¹ The proposed \$17 million increase represents the currently identified expected MGP Costs by each site, totaling \$14,652,221.² KGS also has incurred additional MGP Costs since August 2022 of \$2,350,378 (after insurance proceeds were applied).³ The \$14,652,221 of anticipated MGP Costs, and the incurred net MGP Costs of \$2,350,378 equals \$17,002,259, which has been rounded down to \$17 million for purposes of this request.⁴ KGS only requests a

¹ Application to Increase the Cap Placed on AAO (Jan. 3, 2025) (“Application”).

² Direct Testimony of Janet Buchanan, pp. 10-11, and Ex. JLB-7 attached to said testimony (Jan. 3, 2025).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

\$17 million increase of the AAO cap and is not requesting modification of any other term of the AAO.⁵

2. On March 4, 2025, the Commission issued Order Setting Procedural Schedule, which included a settlement hearing on June 16, 2025.

3. On May 30, 2025, KGS, Commission Staff (“Staff”), and the Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board (“CURB”) filed a Joint Motion to Approve Unanimous Settlement Agreement.

4. K.S.A. 77-537 allows the Commission to render decisions in summary proceedings without holding a hearing.⁶ K.S.A. 77-524(d) enables evidence to be received in written form if it will expedite the process without substantial prejudice to the interest of any party.⁷ Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-524(d), the Commission finds it appropriate to accept the Parties’ written submissions in lieu of conducting a hearing as it will expedite the process without prejudicing the interests of any of the parties. Thus, the Commission cancels the remainder of the procedural schedule (with the exception of Testimony in Support of the Settlement Agreement) and will render a decision on the paper record by July 15, 2025.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The remainder of the procedural schedule is cancelled, with the exception of the Testimony in Support of the Settlement Agreement. Testimony in Support of the Settlement Agreement is still due June 5, 2025. The Commission will issue its decision based on the written record by July 15, 2025.

B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁸

⁵ Application, p. 11.

⁶ K.S.A. 77-537.

⁷ K.S.A. 77-524(d).

⁸ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 06/05/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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