

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

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of NuStar Pipeline Operating)
Partnership, L.P. Filing Tariff Revisions for) Docket No. 17-KNBP-503-TAR
Commission Approval of Tariff K.C.C. No. 18)
and Canceling K.C.C. No. 17.)

SUSPENSION ORDER: JANUARY 12, 2018

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On May 17, 2017, NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P. (NuStar), a common carrier under K.S.A. 66-105, filed an Application with the Commission requesting authority to increase rates for conveying petroleum products on its intrastate oil pipelines based upon the annual rate indexing methodology established by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for interstate purposes. NuStar also proposed minor wording changes to its current tariff. Such rates and terms will be reflected in the proposed K.C.C. Tariff No. 18. NuStar indicates that such rate increases will generate approximately \$17,211 in additional annual revenue.

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part: "The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not

suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.”

3. A full investigation of the proposed rates and terms, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the proposed rates and terms should be approved.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness of the rates and/or terms proposed by NuStar is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effective date of the rates and/or terms proposed shall be suspended for a period not to exceed 240 days from the date the Application was made, May 17, 2017, until January 12, 2018. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding NuStar’s proposed tariff adjustments shall be deferred until January 12, 2018. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

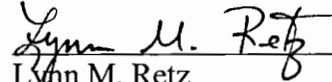
B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of issuing such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: MAY 23 2017



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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Order Mailed Date

MAY 24 2017

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of first class mail/hand delivered on **MAY 23 2017**.

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