# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of a General Investigation to Evaluate Allowing Electric and Gas Utilities the Authority to Accept Irrevocable Letters of Credit in Lieu of Cash Deposits for System Expansion Related to Residential.	t No. 19-GIMX-256-GIV

## ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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 8, 2019, the Commission opened a general investigation to determine the appropriateness of accepting irrevocable letters of credit in place of cash deposits.<sup>1</sup> All Kansas gas and electric public utilities were made party to the general investigation.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. On February 20, 2019, Atmos Energy Corporation; Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy; the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board; Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc.; Kansas City Power & Light Company; Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company; Commission Staff (Staff); and the Wichita Area Builders Association, Inc. filed a Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule.<sup>3</sup> In subsequent email communications with the Prehearing Officer, the Parties agreed to modify the dates for the evidentiary hearing.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order Opening General Investigation, Jan. 8, 2019.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Id., ¶ B

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule, Feb. 20, 2019.

## 3. The Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

DATE	TIME	ACTION
January 30, 2019	5:00 pm	Deadline to enter appearances
April 12, 2019	5:00 pm	Initial Comments of all parties other than Staff
		due
May 7, 2019	5:00 pm	Reply Comments of all parties other than Staff
		due
June 11, 2019	5:00 pm	Staff Report & Recommendation due
July 2, 2019	5:00 pm	Response to Staff Report & Recommendation
		due
July 12, 2019	TBD	Settlement Conference
July 19, 2019	5:00 pm	Settlement Agreement with Supporting
		Testimony Due
July 31, 2019	9:00 am	Prehearing Conference (Commission's Topeka
		Offices, 3rd Floor)
August 20, 2019	10:30 am - 5:00 pm	Evidentiary Hearing (Commission's Topeka
	(Tues)	Offices, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room)
	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	
August 21, 2019	(Wed)	
September 17 2019	5:00 pm	Post-Hearing Briefs due
October 1, 2019	5:00 pm	Reply Briefs due
October 31, 2019	5:00 pm	Order Due Date

4. Finding that a prehearing conference is necessary to address any pending matters, to establish procedures to use during the Evidentiary Hearing, and to consider any other prehearing issues that will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding,<sup>4</sup> the Commission schedules a Prehearing Conference for July 31, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission's Third Floor Hearing Room, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. The Prehearing Officer will preside. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA).<sup>5</sup> At the Prehearing Conference, this proceeding without further notice may be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> K.S.A. 77-517; K.A.R. 82-1-222.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of the matter as provided by KAPA.<sup>6</sup>

- 5. An Evidentiary Hearing, with the Commission presiding, will begin on August 20, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., and continuing if necessary on August 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's First Floor Hearing Room, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the KAPA.<sup>7</sup>
- 6. The Commission approves the use of electronic service of all testimony, briefs, and orders, without requiring provision of follow-up hard copies as required by K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6). Testimony and briefs must be served electronically by 5:00 p.m., on the date due, without requiring service among the parties of a follow-up hard copy. The Commission directs electronic service of testimony and briefs include service on the Prehearing Officer at b.fedotin@kcc.ks.gov.
- 7. Michael Neeley, <a href="mailto:m.neeley@kcc.ks.gov">m.neeley@kcc.ks.gov</a>, and Cole Bailey, <a href="mailto:c.bailey@kcc.ks.gov">c.bailey@kcc.ks.gov</a>, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, are the attorneys appearing on behalf of Staff in this proceeding.<sup>8</sup>

## THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 3 is adopted.
- B. Electronic service will be used in this proceeding, including this Order.
- C. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).9

<sup>7</sup> K.S.A. 77-518(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> K.S.A. 77-518(c)(2); K.S.A. 77-516(c)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to enter D. further orders as it deems necessary.

# BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: <u>02/28/2019</u>

Lynn M. Retz

Secretary to the Commission

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