

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Filing of Compliance)
Tariffs and Reports by Jurisdictional)
Utilities as Prescribed by Commission)
Order Dated November 28, 2005 in Docket)
No. 04-GIMX-651-GIV.)

Docket No. 06-GIMX-679-GIV

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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REPORT

COMES NOW, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission respectively) and submits this Report.

1. On November 28, 2005, the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. 04-GIMX-651-GIV adopting Minimum Standards for Payment Methods for Utility Bills and Allowing the Acceptance of Credit Cards by Kansas Jurisdictional Electric, Natural Gas, and Water Utilities (Minimum Standards).

2. In its November 28, 2005, Order in Docket No. 04-GIMX-651-GIV, the Commission required that all Kansas jurisdictional gas and electric utilities come into compliance with the Minimum Standards.

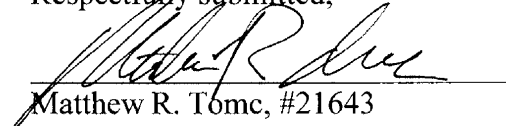
3. On January 17, 2006, Staff filed a Report recommending that a docket be opened in order to establish a record of matters relating to compliance with the Minimum Standards.

4. On March 17, 2006, the Commission issued an Order opening this docket.

5. Staff has been monitoring compliance and compiling relevant information. Staff has prepared a Memorandum summarizing the current status of compliance efforts. Staff's Memorandum is attached hereto as Attachment "A."

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Report to the Commission for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

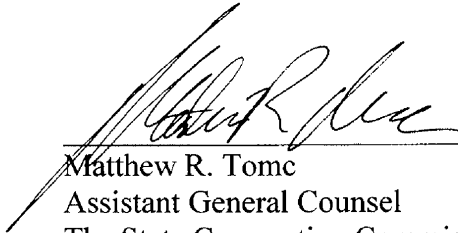


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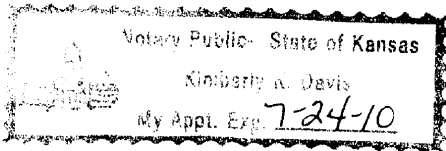
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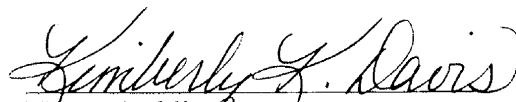
Matthew R. Tomc, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is an attorney for the Kansas Corporation Commission Staff, that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing Report and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Matthew R. Tomc
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of March, 2007.





Notary Public

My Appointment expires:

July 24, 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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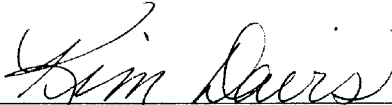
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MEMORANDUM

February 19, 2007

Compliance with Minimum Standards for Payment)
 Methods for Utility Bills and Allowing the)
 Acceptance of Credit Cards by Kansas jurisdictional) Docket No. 06-GIMX-679-GIV
 Electric, Natural Gas, and Water Utilities. Docket)
 No. 04-GIMX-651-GIV)

To: Chair Moline
 Commissioner Krehbiel
 Commissioner Moffet

From: Dorothy Myrick, *DEM SAC* Sonya Cushinberry

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BACKGROUND

The Commission issued an Order in the General Investigation Regarding Payment of Customer Accounts by means of Fee-based Transactions, Including Third Party Services.¹ The Commission Order, dated March 17, 2006, in Docket No. 06-GIMX-679-GIV stated that all jurisdictional electric and gas utilities may file appropriate tariffs and other materials for Staff review in this docket as necessary to comply with the Commission's November 22, 2005 Order in 04-GIMX-651-GIV.

COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

This memo summarizes utility quarterly reports for additions and deletions of company business offices and walk-in payment locations.

¹ Order On Reconsideration, November 22, 2005, as corrected, Order Nunc Pro Tunc, November 28, 2005 Docket No. 04-GIMX-651-GIV.

Reporting for in-person payment methods card

Utilities were required to provide a complete list of authorized locations for in-person payments that were closed during the fourth quarter of 2006 and explain what other options for in-person payments were made available to the customer.

Companies reporting on authorized walk-in pay locations include: Aquila Inc., Atmos Energy, Kansas Gas Service, Kansas City Power & Light, Midwest Energy, Westar Energy, Empire District Electric and Southwestern Public Service. As of September 30, 2006 these companies had a total of 216 company business offices and pay stations open in Kansas. During the fourth quarter, companies reported that 22 locations were opened and 9 locations were closed. At the end of the calendar year, December 31, 2006, a total of 229 pay stations were available for customer in-person bill payment.

The number of company business offices and walk-in pay locations has remained fairly constant during 2006. On January 1, 2006, there were 234 locations where customers could pay their bills in person. For the twelve month period ending December 31, 2006, the net loss of five walk-in locations represents only 2% of the total pay stations available at the beginning of the year. Staff is confident that utilities have not reduced the number of pay stations in response to the walk-in payment option being designated a zero-fee method.

This memo is to be filed in Docket No. 06-GIMX-679-GIV to provide permanent documentation of utility compliance with the Commission's Order. Specific copies of tariffs and reports filed for compliance in Docket No. 06-GIMX-679-GIV are available by calling 785 271-3165 and asking for Dorothy Myrick or Sonya Cushinberry.