# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

**Before Commissioners:** 

Dwight D. Keen, Chair

Susan K. Duffy Andrew J. French

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas Gas	)	
Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. for	)	
Approval by the Commission to Revise	)	Docket No. 23-KGSG-282-TAF
Section 7 of Kansas Gas Service's General	)	
Terms and Conditions	)	

#### **SUSPENSION ORDER: APRIL 24, 2023**

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 August 26, 2022, Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc., (KGS) filed an Application with the Commission requesting approval to revise two provisions from Section 7 of its General Terms and Conditions and to utilize the average embedded cost methodology in calculating certain charges to customers pertaining to service line reconnections, relocations, abandonments, and meter relocations. The average embedded cost methodology would also be used when calculating customer allowances for service line installations or replacements.
- 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/or 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 requested rates and/or terms

should be approved.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness

of the rates and/or terms proposed by KGS 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, August 26, 2022, until April 24,

2023. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding KGS's proposed rates and/or terms shall be deferred until

April 24, 2023. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. 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).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Duffy, Commissioner; French, Commissioner

Dated: 09/08/2022

Lynn M. Retz

Executive Director

MRN

<sup>1</sup>K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

2

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

#### 23-KGSG-282-TAR

I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on  $\underline{09/08/2022}$ .

JOSEPH R. ASTRAB, ATTORNEY CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD 1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD TOPEKA, KS 66604 j.astrab@curb.kansas.gov

WALKER HENDRIX, LITIGATION COUNSEL KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION 1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD TOPEKA, KS 66604 w.hendrix@kcc.ks.gov

MICHAEL NEELEY, LITIGATION COUNSEL KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION 1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD TOPEKA, KS 66604 m.neeley@kcc.ks.gov

SHONDA RABB
CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD
1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD
TOPEKA, KS 66604
s.rabb@curb.kansas.gov

ROBERT E. VINCENT, MANAGING ATTORNEY KANSAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC. 7400 W. 110th St. OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210-2362 robert.vincent@onegas.com JANET BUCHANAN, DIRECTOR- REGULATORY AFFAIRS / OKE 13165 KANSAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC. 7421 W 129TH ST OVERLAND PARK, KS 66213-2713 janet.buchanan@onegas.com

TODD E. LOVE, ATTORNEY
CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD
1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD
TOPEKA, KS 66604
t.love@curb.kansas.gov

DAVID W. NICKEL, CONSUMER COUNSEL CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD 1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD TOPEKA, KS 66604 d.nickel@curb.kansas.gov

DELLA SMITH
CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD
1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD
TOPEKA, KS 66604
d.smith@curb.kansas.gov

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

23-KGSG-282-TAR

/S/ KCC Docket Room

KCC Docket Room