

² *Id.* at 5.

The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over GGSC.

4. K.S.A. 66-1,201 more specifically, gives the Commission full power, authority and jurisdiction to supervise and control natural gas public utilities and is authorized to do all things necessary and convenient for the exercise of such power, authority and jurisdiction.

5. The standard for granting a certificate under K.S.A. 66-131 is that public convenience and necessity will be promoted by the granting of a certificate. In determining whether to grant a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the Commission requires the new public utility to possess the financial capability, managerial expertise and technical expertise needed to provide sufficient and efficient services.³ GGSC's application contains a proposal to acquire the needed financial capability, managerial expertise and technical expertise for the first high capacity, multi-turn natural gas storage facility in Kansas.⁴

6. On October 1, 2025, the Commission Staff ("Staff") submitted its Report and Recommendation and is incorporated by reference herein. Staff is recommending the Commission conditionally grant GGSC's application and request for permission and authority to operate a natural gas public utility in Kiowa County, Kansas. Staff's conditional recommendation is subject to GGSC timely filing with the Commission specific information to substantiate GGSC has the actual managerial and technical expertise needed to provide sufficient and efficient service of the proposed natural gas storage facility and pipeline in Kiowa County, Kansas.⁵ The Commission adopts Staff's R&R as additional findings.

7. Based on the representations of the Company, and the expected information to be

³ Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Granting Certificate, 11-GBEE-624-COC, ¶ 63.

⁴ Staff's Report and Recommendation, p. 2 (Oct. 1, 2025).

⁵ *Id.* at 17.

later filed with the Commission, that there should be sufficient competent evidence demonstrating that GGSC will possess the managerial, financial, and technical expertise to construct, operate and maintain an intrastate natural gas storage and pipeline facility in Kiowa County, Kansas.

8. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-131, the public convenience and necessity will be promoted by the Company's proposed business as set forth in its application and once all the required information is received and verified.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Golden Gas Service Company's request for a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing the Company to transact business as a natural gas public utility for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining an intrastate natural gas storage and pipeline facility in Kiowa County, Kansas is conditionally approved and subject to the Company timely filing the following information in a Commission compliance docket:

1. All the required permits issued by The Kansas Department of Health and Environment to transact business as a natural gas public utility for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining an intrastate natural gas storage and pipeline facility in Kiowa County, Kansas.
2. All signed contracts for construction, operations and interstate pipeline interconnections.
3. Any filing with FERC for expanded interstate jurisdictional authority or an exemption from FERC jurisdiction under the Hinshaw Exemption.
4. Quarterly informational updates on overall progress made on its project development. These quarterly updates shall continue until the project has been fully operational for three years.

B. The Company's request for approval of its initial general terms and conditions of service and rate tariff are also conditionally granted.

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).⁶

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 10/16/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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⁶ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

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