

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Kansas)
Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc.) Docket No. 18-KGSG-560-RTS
for Adjustment of its Natural Gas Rates in)
the State of Kansas.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING 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 June 29, 2018, Kansas Gas Service (Kansas Gas) filed for a \$45.6 million revenue increase.¹ Kansas Gas also seeks to allocate savings from prefunded pension expenses with one-third going to customers and two-thirds to its shareholders.² In addition, Kansas Gas is proposing a Revenue Normalization Adjustment (RNA) to sever the link between its revenue and customer usage; a cybersecurity O&M expense tracker; and a depreciation tracker.³
2. On July 10, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Protective and Discovery Order.
3. On July 17, 2018, Kansas Gas, Commission Staff, and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayers Board (CURB)⁴ filed a Joint Motion for Procedural.

¹ Application, June 30, 2018, ¶ 3.

² *Id.*, ¶ 5.

³ *Id.*, ¶ 7.

⁴ CURB was granted intervention on July 24, 2018.

4. The Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

| DATE | TIME | ACTION |
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| September 27, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Affidavit of Mailing, Publication and Electronic Service |
| October 4, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Deadline for Petitions to Intervene |
| October 4, 2018 | 6:00 pm | Public Hearing at Washburn Institute of Technology |
| October 29, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony Due |
| November 14, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Cross-Answering Testimony Due |
| November 19, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Rebuttal Testimony Due |
| November 28-29, 2018 | TBD | Settlement Conference |
| November 30, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Deadline to Submit Settlement Agreement |
| December 4, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Deadline to File Settlement Support/Opposition Testimony |
| December 4, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Discovery Cut-off |
| December 4, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Motion Cut-off |
| December 4, 2018 | 9:00 am | Prehearing Conference |
| December 11-13, 2018 | 9:00 am | Evidentiary Hearing |
| December 14, 2018 | 5:00 pm | Public Comment Period Ends |
| December 19, 2018 | 5:00 pm | PACP Report of Public Comments |
| January 3, 2019 | 5:00 pm | Kansas Gas Initial Brief Due |
| January 16, 2019 | 5:00 pm | Staff/Intervenor Briefs Due |
| January 25, 2019 | 5:00 pm | Kansas Gas Reply Brief Due |
| February 25, 2019 | | Commission Order Due |

5. 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,⁵ the Commission schedules a Prehearing Conference for December 4, 2018, 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

⁵ K.S.A. 77-517; K.A.R. 82-1-222.

Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA).⁶ At the Prehearing Conference, this proceeding without further notice may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of the matter as provided by KAPA.⁷

6. The Commission plans to hold a public hearing in this docket:

October 4, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at:

Washburn Institute of Technology
Main Conference Center, Building A
5724 SW Huntoon
Topeka, Kansas 66604

The hearing will be broadcast live on the Commission's website: www.kcc.ks.gov.

7. An Evidentiary Hearing, with the Commission presiding, will begin on December 11, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., and continue, as needed, through December 13, 2018, 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.⁸

8. Notice of the Joint Application, the public hearing and public comment period as agreed to by the Parties and the Public Affairs and Consumer Protection (PACP) shall be included in a bill insert with the monthly billing statement for each customer in Kansas Gas's service territory and provided by electronic mail to those customers who receive their bill by electronic mail. The notice shall be sent to customers at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing. Notice shall also be published in the major newspapers in the region. Kansas Gas is also required to file an Affidavit confirming notice has been mailed to customers, printed in newspapers, and provided by electronic mail to customers, who receive their bills by electronic mail.

⁶ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

⁷ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7).

⁸ K.S.A. 77-518(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

9. The Commission encourages the public to submit comments concerning this docket via online at www.kcc.ks.gov, electronic mail, or in writing. The public comment period begins immediately and ends on December 14, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. By December 19, 2018, PACP is directed to file a report summarizing public comments received.

10. Kansas Gas, CURB, and PACP shall make information concerning the proceeding accessible to the public through use of their websites. These parties' websites should include links and contact information to enable the public to easily identify how to contact the PACP Office to submit comments and to access filings made in the docket. To the extent practicable, parties are encouraged to include background information explaining this proceeding.

11. 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.

12. Michael Neeley, m.neeley@kcc.ks.gov, and Phoenix Anshutz, p.anshutz@kcc.ks.gov, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, are the attorneys appearing on behalf of the agency in this proceeding.⁹

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 4 is adopted.
- 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).¹⁰

⁹ K.S.A. 77-518(c)(2); K.S.A. 77-516(c)(2).

¹⁰ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 08/02/2018



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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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 electronic service on 08/02/2018.

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