

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Pat Apple

In the Matter of a General Investigation)
Regarding the Acceleration of Replacement)
of Natural Gas Pipelines Constructed of) Docket No. 15-GIMG-343-GIG
Obsolete Materials Considered to be a Safety)
Risk.)

ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds:

1. On February 2, 2015, Commission Staff (Staff) submitted a Report and Recommendation (R&R) recommending the Commission open a general investigation docket to receive comments on proposed parameters of an accelerated natural gas pipeline replacement program.¹

2. On March 12, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Opening General Investigation (Order) adopting the recommendations set forth in Staff's R&R.² The Order agreed with Staff's recommendation to request comments on seven specific issues, and requested the parties initially address the question of whether the Commission has jurisdictional authority to establish alternative ratemaking methodologies for pipe replacement that go beyond the parameters established under the Gas Safety and Reliability Policy Act before addressing the

¹ Staff Report & Recommendation, February 2, 2015, p.1 (Staff R&R).

² Order Opening General Investigation, March 12, 2015 (Order).

other issues.³ The Order stated the Commission may request further comments following a decision on the jurisdictional question.⁴

3. In its Order Setting Procedural Schedule issued March 19, 2015, the Commission set a due date for an order on the jurisdictional question of May 19, 2015. After reviewing the briefs the parties filed on April 17, 2015, the Commission finds additional time is needed to consider the issues and issue an order on the jurisdictional question. The Commission therefore modifies the procedural schedule to set a due date for an order on the jurisdictional question of June 18, 2015.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Commission modifies the procedural schedule to specify a due date for a Commission order on the jurisdictional question of June 18, 2015.

B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.⁵

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further order or orders as it may deem necessary.

³ Order, p. 3.

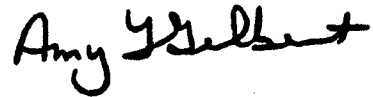
⁴ *Id.*

⁵ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: **MAY 21 2015**



Order Mailed Date **MAY 22 2015**

Amy L. Gilbert
Secretary

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