# BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Joint Application of American	)	
Energies Gas Service, LLC/American Energies	)	
Pipeline, LLC and Kansas Gas Service, a Division	)	
of ONE Gas, Inc. for an Order Approving the	)	
Transfer to Kansas Gas Service Certificates of	)	
Convenience and Necessity with Respect to	)	Docket No. 24-KGSG-284-ACQ
AEGS's Natural Gas Utility Business and AEPL's	)	_
Pipeline Facilities Located in Harvey, Marion, and	)	
McPherson Counties, Kansas to Provide Utility	)	
Service and for Other Related Relief.	)	

### MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

American Energies Gas Service, LLC ("AEGS"), American Energies Pipeline, LLC ("AEPL), and Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. ("Kansas Gas Service") request the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") grant this Motion for Procedural Schedule ("Motion"). In support of this Motion, AEGS, AEPL and Kansas Gas Service state as follows:

- 1. On September 22, 2023, AEGS, AEPL and Kansas Gas Service filed an Application for the Transfer and Sale of Public Utility Certificates and Assets with the Commission ("Application"). The Application sought an Order from the Commission,
  - i. approving the transfer from AEGS to Kansas Gas Service certificates of convenience and necessity to operate as a natural gas public utility;
  - ii. approving the Asset Purchase Agreement dated June 22, 2023 ("APA") entered into by the Joint Applicants, and authorizing the transfer and sale from AEGS and AEPL to Kansas Gas Service the Assets used to provide utility service to customers located in Harvey, Marion, and McPherson County, Kansas;
  - iii. authorizing Kansas Gas Service to, generally, use its Commission-approved rates and general terms and conditions for AEGS's customers;
  - iv. authorizing Kansas Gas Service to implement a new wholesale transportation rate for service provided to the City of Hesston, Kansas;

v. authorizing Kansas Gas Service to exempt AEGS's customers from Kansas Gas Service's Winter Event Securitized Cost Recovery Rider, and instead authorize Kansas Gas

Service to assume and continue the remainder of AEGS's 2021 Winter Weather Event Rider:

vi. authorizing AEGS to convert five (5) existing customers served by AEGS to

propane service because the cost to replace the AEPL pipeline facilities used to serve those

customers is uneconomical;

vii. authorizing AEGS and AEPL to cease providing natural gas public utility service to customers in Kansas upon the transfer of AEGS's certificates of convenience and

necessity, AEPL's pipeline facilities, and AEGS/AEPL's obligations and responsibilities as a

public utility to Kansas Gas Service;

viii. authorizing Kansas Gas Service, for accounting and ratemaking purposes, to

record the purchase price of the AEGS/AEPL system assets at the net book value of the

Assets; and

ix. for such other relief that is found to be necessary by the Commission as just and

reasonable in this matter.

2. On October 26, 2023, the Commission issued an order granting the Citizens' Utility

Ratepayer Board's ("CURB") petition to intervene; a Protective Order and a Discovery Order.

3. AEGS, AEPL, Kansas Gas Service, Staff and CURB (collectively referred to as the

"Parties") have discussed a proposed procedural schedule in this docket and were able to reach

agreement on a schedule that could be recommended to the Commission for its review and approval.

The proposed schedule proposes two tracts. The first tract would be used if the Parties are able to

enter into a settlement agreement following the issuance of Staff's Report and Recommendation

("R&R"). The second tract would be used if the Parties are unable to enter into a settlement agreement

following the issuance of Staff's R&R.

4. The proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

TRACK ONE: R&R & SETTLEMENT

Filing Date: Sept. 22, 2023

Staff R&R due: Feb. 19, 2024 (150 days after filing)

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Responses to Staff R&R:

Settlement Conference:

Settlement Filing:

Testimony in Support/Opposition:

Settlement Hearing (if necessary):

Commission Order:

Mar. 8, 2024

Mar. 19-20, 2024

Apr. 29, 2024

Apr. 12, 2024

Apr. 23, 2024

May 23, 2024

#### TRACK TWO: LITIGATED HEARING

Staff R&R due: Feb. 19, 2024 (150 days after filing)

Mar. 8, 2024 Responses to Staff R&R: Settlement Conference: Mar. 19-20, 2024 Staff and Intervenor Testimony: Apr. 8, 2024 Rebuttal Testimony: Apr. 17, 2024 Prehearing Conference: May 3, 2024 **Evidentiary Hearing:** May 7-8, 2024 AEGS, AEPL, KGS Initial Brief: May 22, 2024 Staff and Intervenor Briefs: June 5, 2024 AEGS, AEPL, KGS Rebuttal Brief: June 12, 2024 **Commission Order:** July 11, 2024

WHEREFORE, AEGS, AEPL, and Kansas Gas Service request the Commission issue an Order approving the proposed procedural schedule set forth herein.

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, states:

That he is the attorney for American Energies Gas Service, LLC/American Energies Pipeline, LLC named in the foregoing Motion for Procedural Schedule and is duly authorized to make this affidavit; that he has read the foregoing and knows the contents thereof; and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct.

James G. Flaherty

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4th of January, 2024.

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas RONDA ROSSMAN My Appt. Expires May 25, 2026

Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was sent via electronic mail this  $4^{th}$  day of January, 2024, addressed to:

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