

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of American )  
Energies Gas Service, LLC, to Change its )  
Rates for Natural Gas Service and for ) Docket No. 15-AEGG-158-RTS  
Approval of its New Agreements with )  
American Energies Pipeline, LLC )

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PROCEDURAL ORDER**

American Energies Gas Service, LLC ("AEGS"), Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Staff"), and Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB") (collectively, the "Parties") move the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") for approval of the proposed procedural order which is attached hereto. In support of this Joint Motion, the Parties state as follows:

1. On October 7, 2014, AEGS filed an application to increase its base rates pursuant to the less extensive filing requirements set forth in K.A.R. 82-1-231b, which applies to natural gas utilities which are not Class A utilities (defined as utilities whose gross annual income is less than \$1 million, K.A.R. 82-1-204a(a)). AEGS's gross annual income for the test year (12-month period ending December 31, 2013) was \$370,845.00. AEGS also requested approval of its new agreements with American Energies Pipeline, LLC ("AEPL"). On October 28, 2014, AEGS filed an Amended Application.

2. On October 7, 2014, CURB filed a petition to intervene.

3. On October 14, 2014, CURB's petition for intervention was granted.

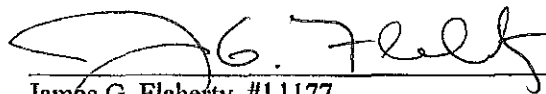
4. The Parties have met and have agreed, subject to obtaining Commission approval, to the proposed procedural order ("Proposed Order"), and the provisions contained therein, which is attached to this Joint Motion as Exhibit A.

5. The Parties have previously submitted the proposed order to Mr. Van Blaricum, the

hearing officer assigned to this case, for his review and approval, and to confirm the availability of the hearing dates.

6. As part of this Joint Motion, AEGS has agreed to extend the 240-day statutory deadline for the Commission to issue a final order in this matter from June 1, 2015, to July 15, 2015.

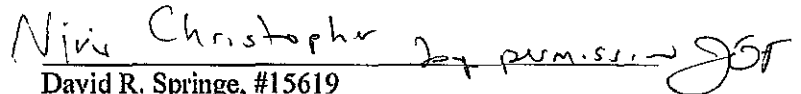
WHEREFORE, the Parties move the Commission for an order approving the proposed procedural order which is attached hereto.



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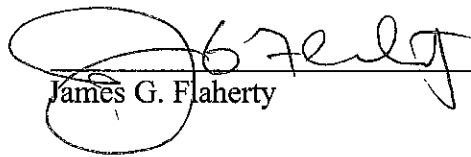


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**VERIFICATION**


STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is attorney for American Energies Gas Service, LLC, that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Motion for Procedural Order, knows the contents thereof; and the statements contained therein are true.

  
James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.



  
Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

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Proposed Order Setting Procedural Order

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ..... 1

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The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the files and records, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions.

**I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. On October 2, 2014, American Energies Gas Service, LLC ("AEGS") initiated this proceeding by filing an Application to make changes to its charges for natural gas service pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117 and K.A.R. 82-1-231b. K.A.R. 82-1-231b applies to natural gas utilities which are not Class A utilities (defined as utilities whose gross annual income is less than \$1 million). AEGS's gross annual income for the test year (12-month period ending December 31, 2013) was \$370,845.00. AEGS also requested approval of its new agreements with American Energies Pipeline, LLC ("AEPL"). On October 28, 2014, AEGS filed an amended application. AEGS stated it is a natural gas public utility operating in the State of Kansas pursuant to certificates of convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. AEGS's principal place of business within Kansas is located at 136 N. Main Street, Canton, Kansas 67428. AEGS stated it provides natural gas service to 165 residential

customers, 48 commercial and irrigation customers in Harvey, McPherson and Marion Counties, Kansas and provides wholesale gas transportation service to the City of Hesston, Kansas.

2. On October 7, 2014, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB") filed a Petition to Intervene. On October 14, 2014, the Commission issued an Order granting CURB's intervention and issued a discovery order, protective order and order designating a prehearing officer.

3. On December 15, 2014, the Parties filed a Joint Motion proposing a procedural schedule setting deadlines under the procedures set forth in K.A.R. 82-1-231b.

**II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

4. The Commission finds the bifurcated procedural schedule following the procedures outlined in K.A.R. 82-1-231b recommended by the Parties to be reasonable. The Commission adopts the following bifurcated procedural schedule:

A. If no hearing is requested by AEGS in response to Staff's Report and Recommendation, then the following schedule shall be followed:

Date	Time	Action
November 17, 2014	3:00 p.m.	AEGS files affidavit of mailing of public meeting and public comment period*
November 20, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Public Meeting*
February 5, 2015	3:00 p.m.	Staff filed Report and Recommendation
February 16, 2015	3:00 p.m.	AEGS and Intervenors file Response to Staff Report and Recommendation
March 16, 2015		Commission issues Interim Order placing new rates in place subject to refund
On or before March 26, 2015		AEGS mails notice of interim rates and 90-day public comment period to customers
July 1, 2015		PACP Report of Public Comment

July 15, 2015		Commission's Order to make interim rates permanent or set matter for prehearing and hearing due
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\*This has already been completed.

B. If a hearing is requested by AEGS in response to Staff's Report and Recommendation, then the following schedule shall be followed:

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February 16, 2015	3:00 p.m.	AEGS and Intervenor file Response to Staff's Report and Recommendation and Request Evidentiary Hearing
April 1, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Settlement Conference
May 10, 2015	3:00 p.m.	Simultaneous Testimony
May 15, 2015	1:30 p.m.	Prehearing Conference
May 20, 2015	9:30 a.m.	Evidentiary Hearing
June 15, 2015	3:00 p.m.	Simultaneous Briefs
July 15, 2015		Final Order due

\*This has already been completed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- A. The Commission adopts the procedural schedule as set forth above in paragraph 4.
- B. Based upon the consent of AEGS, the 240-day statutory deadline of June 1, 2015, shall be changed to July 15, 2015.
- 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.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Thomas A. Day

Acting Executive Director