

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of Application of Kansas Gas)
Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. for)
Approval of its Purchase of Southern Star)
Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.’s Facilities Used) Docket No. 24-KGSG-237-CON
to Furnish Natural Gas Service to Certain)
Customers and Approval of Customer-)
Specific Certificates of Public Convenience)
and Necessity to Serve Said Customers.)

ORDER GRANTING KMGA’S PETITION FOR INTERVENTION

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 September 5, 2023, Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. (KGS) filed an Application to Purchase Domestic Meter Facilities and Customers from Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star).¹ KGS explains that Southern Star has received regulatory approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to abandon by sale 1,042 domestic meters located throughout Kansas to KGS.² Under the proposed sale, 194 of the Domestic Customers currently served by Southern Star will become new KGS customers.³

2. On November 17, 2023, the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGA) filed a Petition for Intervention, explaining that one meter, which is served by the City of Humboldt, a member of KMGA, was erroneously included in the list of assets in the Asset Purchase

¹ Public Application to Purchase Domestic Meter Facilities and Customers, Sept. 5, 2023, p. 1.

² *Id.*, ¶ 7.

³ *Id.*, ¶ 8.

Agreement.⁴ KMGA seeks to intervene to ensure the Commission is aware of the situation and can direct KGS and Southern Star to take the appropriate action to address the error.⁵

3. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.⁶ Furthermore, at any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation.⁷

4. The Commission finds and concludes that KMGA has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and K.S.A. 77-521(b), and should be granted intervention in this Docket. KMGA will be added to the mailing list, and electronic service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record:

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⁴ Petition for Intervention of the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency, Nov. 17, 2023, ¶¶ 3-4.

⁵ *Id.*, ¶ 5.

⁶ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

⁷ K.S.A. 77-521(c).

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. KMGA's Petition to Intervene is granted.

B. Electronic service shall be used in this proceeding, including this Order. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁸

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 12/14/2023



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⁸ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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