THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before the Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson

Dwight D. Keen Annie Kuether

In the Matter of a General Investigation)
Updating the Certificates of Convenience and)
Necessity Issued to Kansas Gas Service, a)
Division of ONE Gas, Inc. and Black)
Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a)
Docket No. 25-GIMG-114-GIG
Black Hills Energy in Cowley, Sedgwick,)
Sumner, Reno, and Rice Counties to Provide)
Retail Natural Gas Service.

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION AND MODIFYING 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 August 12, 2024, Staff filed a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending the Commission open a General Investigation to update the Certificates of Convenience ("COC") issued to Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills") and Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. ("KGS") in Cowley, Sedgwick, Sumner, Reno, and Rice Counties, and resolve a dispute over their respective service territories in and around the City of Goddard in Sedgwick County.¹
- 2. On October 22, 2024, the Commission opened a general investigation into these issues and set a deadline of sixty (60) days from the date of the Order for Black Hills and KGS to submit comments addressing the service issue in the territory annexed by the City of Goddard in

¹ Notice of Filing of Staff's Report and Recommendation (Aug. 12, 2004).

2009 ("Goddard dispute").² It was also ordered for Staff to file a Report and Recommendation ("R&R) within thirty (30) days after receiving the comments.³ Black Hills and KGS filed comments on December 23, 2024, so the deadline for Staff's R&R would be January 22, 2025.⁴ The Commission also set deadlines for comments on the second issue relating to the COCs issued in Cowley, Sedgwick, Sumner, Reno, and Rice Counties ("metes and bounds dispute").⁵

3. On January 22, 2025, Staff filed a Motion for Extension and Modification of the Procedural Schedule, explaining it is reviewing the comments but has been pressed by other business, including the Legislative Session, and delayed by inclement weather.⁶ As such, Staff conferred with Black Hills and KGS, who do not object, and is requesting an additional thirty (30) days to submit its R&R on the Goddard dispute, and to modify the remaining deadlines to allow for additional time.⁷

4. K.A.R. 82-1-217(b) allows the Commission to extend any deadline for good cause. Therefore, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-217(b), the Commission grants Staff's motion for an extension to file its R&R on the Goddard dispute, and modifies the procedural schedule as follows:

Action	Date	Time
Staff Report and Recommendation on the Goddard Dispute Due	Monday, February 24, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Commission Order on the Goddard Dispute Due	Thursday, March 27, 2025	N/A
Staff's Proposed Procedural Schedule on Metes and Bounds Dispute Due	Monday, April 21, 2025	5:00 p.m.

² Order Opening General Investigation and Setting Comment Deadlines (Oct. 22, 2024).

³ *Id.*, p. 4.

⁴ See id.

⁵ See id.

⁶ Motion for Extension and Modification of the Procedural Schedule (Jan. 22, 2025).

⁷ *Id*.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Motion for Extension and Modification of the Procedural Schedule is granted.

The modified procedural schedule outlined in paragraph 4 above is adopted.

B. 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: 01/30/2025

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Lynn M. Retz Executive Director

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⁸ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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