

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Complaint of Kansas)
Industrial Consumers Group, Inc. Against)
Kansas Electric and Natural Gas Public) Docket No. 18-GIMX-252-COM
Utilities Regarding Federal Income Tax)
Reform of 2018 and Its Effect on)
Jurisdictional Retail Utility Rates.)

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

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 December 14, 2017, the Kansas Industrial Consumers Group, Inc. (KIC) filed a Complaint against all investor-owned electric and natural gas public utilities in Kansas,¹ alleging the Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA), which reduces the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, effective for tax-year 2018, renders the utilities' retail rates unjust and unreasonable.²

2. Also on December 14, 2017, the Commission opened the 18-GIMX-248-GIV Docket (18-248 Docket), a general investigation into the effect of the TCJA on the revenue requirements of Kansas Public Utilities.³ Through the 18-248 Docket, the Commission has

¹ The Empire District Electric Company (Empire); Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas & Electric Company (Westar); Kansas City Power and Light Company (KCP&L); Atmos Energy (Atmos); Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills); and Kansas Gas Service, (KGS).

² Complaint, Dec. 14, 2017, ¶¶ 14, 17.

³ See Notice of Withdrawal of Complaint, Aug. 13, 2018, ¶ 6.

approved individual settlement agreements with all of the utilities named in KIC's Complaint to KIC's satisfaction.⁴

3. On August 13, 2018, KIC filed Notice of Withdrawal of Complaint, explaining, "KIC finds the primary objectives of its Complaint are substantially satisfied. Therefore, KIC withdraws its Complaint and requests the Commission terminate this proceeding."⁵

4. The Commission has received KIC's Notice of Withdrawal of Complaint and finds it appropriate to close this Docket.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. KIC's Notice of Withdrawal of Complaint is noted.
- B. This Docket is closed.
- C. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).⁶
- D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to enter further orders as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 08/21/2018



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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⁴ *Id.*, ¶ 7.

⁵ *Id.*, ¶ 10.

⁶ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

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