

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

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

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) Docket No. 24-KGSG-284-ACQ
of Convenience and Necessity with Respect)
to AEGS' 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.)

ORDER SETTING 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 September 22, 2023, American Energies Gas Service, LLC (AEGS), American Energies Pipeline, LLC (AEPL), and Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. (KGS) filed a Joint Application to: (1) transfer AEGS' certificates of convenience and necessity to operate as a natural gas public utility to KGS; (2) approve the Asset Purchase Agreement dated June 22, 2023 between the Joint Applicants, and (3) authorize the transfer and sale of AEGS' and AEPL's assets used to provide utility service to customers located in Harvey, Marion, and McPherson County, Kansas to KGS.¹

¹ Public Application for the Transfer and Sale of Public Utility Certificates and Assets, Sept. 22, 2023, p. 1.

2. On January 4, 2023, the Joint Applicants filed a Motion for Procedural Schedule, proposing a two-tiered schedule, with Track I governing if the Parties reach a settlement, and Track II governing absent a settlement. The Joint Applicants proposed the following procedural schedule:

TRACK I

Staff Report & Recommendation due	February 19, 2024
Responses to Staff Report & Recommendation due	March 8, 2024
Settlement Conference	March 19-20, 2024
Settlement Due Date	March 29, 2024
Testimony in Support of/Opposition to Settlement due	April 12, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing (if necessary)	April 23, 2024
Commission Order due	May 23, 2024

TRACK II

Staff Report & Recommendation due	February 19, 1024
Responses to Staff Report & Recommendation due	March 8, 2024
Settlement Conference	March 19-20, 2024
Staff and Intervenor Testimony due	April 8, 2024
Rebuttal Testimony due	April 17, 2024
Prehearing Conference	May 3, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	May 7-8, 2024
Joint Applicants' Initial Brief due	May 22, 2024
Staff and Intervenor Briefs due	June 5, 2024
Joint Applicants' Rebuttal Brief due	June 12, 2024
Commission Order due	July 11, 2024

3. After reviewing the proposed procedural schedule, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

Track I

February 19, 2024	Staff Report & Recommendation due	5:00 pm
March 8, 2024	Responses to Staff Report & Recommendation due	5:00 pm
March 19-20, 2024	Settlement Conference	TBD by Parties
March 29, 2024	Settlement due	5:00 pm
April 12, 2024	Testimony in Support of/ Opposition to Settlement	5:00 pm
April 22, 2024	Prehearing Conference (if necessary)	9:30 am via Zoom
May 2, 2024	Hearing on Settlement (if necessary)	9:30 am via Zoom
June 3, 2024	Commission Order due	

Track II

February 19, 2024	Staff Report & Recommendation due	5:00 pm
March 8, 2024	Responses to Staff Report & Recommendation due	5:00 pm
March 19-20, 2024	Settlement Conference	TBD by Parties
April 8, 2024	Staff and Intervenor testimony due	5:00 pm
April 17, 2024	Rebuttal testimony due	5:00 pm
May 6, 2024	Prehearing Conference	9:30 am (via Zoom)
May 14-15, 2024	Evidentiary Hearing	9:30 am (via Zoom)
May 29, 2024	Joint Applicants' Initial Brief due	5:00 pm
June 12, 2024	Staff and Intervenor Briefs due	5:00 pm
June 19, 2024	Joint Applicants' Reply Brief due	5:00 pm
July 18, 2024	Commission Order due	

Designation of Presiding Officer

4. The Commission may designate a presiding officer to conduct prehearing conferences to address any matters appropriately considered in a prehearing conference, including all items listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA). Accordingly, the Commission designates Brian G. Fedotin, General Counsel, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604, telephone number (785) 271-3105, b.fedotin@kcc.ks.gov, as Presiding Officer in this proceeding.² The Commission may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 3 is adopted.
- B. Brian G. Fedotin, General Counsel, is designated Presiding Officer in this Docket.
- C. Electronic service shall be used in this proceeding, including this Order. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.³

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Keuther, Commissioner

Dated: 01/16/2024

Lynn M. Retz

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² K.S.A. 77-514; K.S.A. 77-516; K.S.A. 77-551.

³ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 01/16/2024.

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