

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:                    Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair  
    Jay Scott Emler  
    Pat Apple

In the Matter of a General Investigation    )  
Regarding the Acceleration of Replacement of    ) Docket No. 15-GIMG-343-GIG  
Natural Gas Pipelines Constructed of Obsolete    )  
Materials Considered to be a Safety Risk         )

**ORDER ASSESSING COSTS**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1.     K.S.A. 66-1502 authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. The Commission will utilize members of its Staff in this investigation, and as deemed appropriate by the Commission, employ special assistants and consultants to investigate all matters connected with this proceeding. The Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100. The Commission concludes that the costs of this proceeding should be equally assessed to Kansas Gas Service, A Division of One Gas, Inc.; Black Hills Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy; and Atmos Energy Corporation. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three days after the date this order is mailed. Kansas Gas Service, A Division of One Gas, Inc.; Black Hills Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy; and Atmos Energy Corporation are given notice that

they may request a hearing as to the necessity of the investigation or the assessment of costs, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Kansas Gas Service, A Division of One Gas, Inc.; Black Hills Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy; and Atmos Energy Corporation are equally assessed the costs of this investigation.

B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated:           MAR 13 2015          



ORDER MAILED MAR 13 2015  
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Acting Secretary

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PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

NAME AND ADDRESS	NO. CERT. COPIES	NO. PLAIN COPIES
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DAVID N. DITTEMORE, MANAGER OF RATES & ANALYSIS KANSAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC. 7421 W 129TH ST OVERLAND PARK, KS 66213-2634		

ORDER MAILED **MAR 13 2015**

The Docket Room hereby certified that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.