

**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 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 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 March 8, 2024, KGS filed a Motion for a Procedural Schedule, proposing a two-tiered schedule, with Track I governing if the Parties reach a settlement, and Track II governing absent a settlement. KGS proposed the following procedural schedule:

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

² *Id.*, ¶ 7.

³ *Id.*, ¶ 8.

TRACK I

KGS Testimony on merger standards due	March 15, 2024
Staff Report & Recommendation due	May 1, 2024
Responses to Staff Report & Recommendation due	May 8, 2024
Settlement Conference	May 23, 2024
Settlement Due Date	June 3, 2024
Testimony in Support of/Opposition to Settlement due	June 10, 2024
Hearing on Settlement (if necessary)	June 18, 2024
Commission Order due	July 18, 2024

TRACK II

Staff Report & Recommendation due	May 1, 2024
Responses to Staff Report & Recommendation due	May 8, 2024
Settlement Conference	May 23, 2024
Staff and Intervenor Testimony due	June 10, 2024
Rebuttal Testimony due	June 24, 2024
Prehearing Conference	July 1, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	July 9, 2024
KGS Initial Brief due	July 23, 2024
Staff and Intervenor Briefs due	August 6, 2024
KGS Rebuttal Brief due	August 13, 2024
Commission Order due	September 12, 2024

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

Track I

March 15, 2024	KGS Testimony on merger standards due	5:00 pm
May 1, 2024	Staff Report & Recommendation due	5:00 pm
May 8, 2024	Responses to Staff Report & Recommendation due	5:00 pm
May 23, 2024	Settlement Conference	TBD by Parties
June 3, 2024	Settlement due	5:00 pm
June 10, 2024	Testimony in Support of/ Opposition to Settlement	5:00 pm
June 18, 2024	Hearing on Settlement (if necessary)	9:30 am via Zoom
July 18, 2024	Commission Order due	

Track II

May 1, 2024	Staff Report & Recommendation due	5:00 pm
May 8, 2024	Responses to Staff Report & Recommendation due	5:00 pm
May 23, 2024	Settlement Conference	TBD by Parties
June 10, 2024	Staff and Intervenor testimony due	5:00 pm
June 24, 2024	Rebuttal testimony due	5:00 pm
July 1, 2024	Prehearing Conference	10:00 am (via Zoom)
July 9, 2024	Evidentiary Hearing	9:30 am (via Zoom)
July 23, 2024	KGS Initial Brief due	5:00 pm
August 6, 2024	Staff and Intervenor Briefs due	5:00 pm
August 13, 2024	KGS Reply Brief due	5:00 pm
September 12, 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. 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. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁴

⁴ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 03/14/2024



Lynn M. Retz
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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