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## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:	Mark Sievers, Chairman	
	Thomas E. Wright	
	Shari Feist Albrecht	

In the Matter of the Application of ONEOK,	)	
Inc. for an Order Authorizing Its Plan of	)	Docket No. 14-KGSG-100-MIS
Reorganization.	)	

#### **ORDER GRANTING CURB'S PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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 16, 2013, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-131, 66-136, 66-1,201 and K.A.R. 82-1-214, ONEOK, Inc. (ONEOK) filed its Application to separate its natural gas utility distribution business from ONEOK into a stand-alone publicly traded company, ONE Gas, Inc. (ONE Gas).<sup>1</sup> Upon completion of the proposed reorganization plan, Kansas Gas Service will be a division of ONE Gas.<sup>2</sup> After the reorganization, ONE Gas will be the sole owner of the existing Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas natural gas utility distribution business. <sup>3</sup> Both ONE Gas and its Kansas natural gas utility distribution business division, Kansas Gas Service, will continue to be subject to regulation by the Commission.<sup>4</sup>

2. In its Application, ONEOK is seeking approval to transfer its existing Kansas utility assets, certificates of convenience and necessity and franchises relating to its Kansas natural gas utility business to Kansas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, and authorize Kansas

- <sup>3</sup> Id.
- <sup>4</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application, Aug. 16, 2013, ¶ 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id*. at ¶ 9.

Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, to own and operate the Kansas natural gas utility business in the service territories covered by the certificates of convenience and necessity and franchises, in accordance with the rates, tariffs, and terms and conditions of service referenced therein.<sup>5</sup>

3. On August 23, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed its Petition to Intervene citing its statutory authority to represent residential and small commercial ratepayers. CURB explains the rates paid by and the services received by residential and small commercial customers may be substantially affected by this proceeding.<sup>6</sup> Accordingly, the Commission finds CURB has demonstrated an interest in this proceeding. Therefore, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521, the Commission grants CURB's Petition for Intervention.

4. CURB will be added to the official service list. Service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and CURB's other designees, as follows:

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at  $\P$  10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Petition to Intervene, Aug. 23, 2013, ¶ 5.

# IT IS THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Commission grants CURB's Petition to Intervene pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521.

B. The parties have 15 days from the date this Order was served to petition the Commission for reconsideration.<sup>7</sup>

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

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## BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chmn.; Wright, Com.; Albrecht, Com.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_SEP 2 4 2013

ORDER MAILED SEP 2 4 2013

Kim Christiansen Executive Director

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order Granting Curb's Petition to Intervene was served by electronic service on this 24th day of September, 2013, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies.

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