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)	Docket No. 15-GIMG-343-GIG
of Natural Gas Pipelines Constructed of)	
Obsolete Materials Considered to be a Safety)	
Risk.)	

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 files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds:

- 1. On February 2, 2015, Commission Staff (Staff) submitted a Report and Recommendation (R&R) recommending the Commission open a general investigation docket to receive comments on proposed parameters of an accelerated natural gas pipeline replacement program.¹
- 2. On March 12, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Opening General Investigation (Order) adopting the recommendations set forth in Staff's R&R.² The Order agreed with Staff's recommendation to request comments on seven specific issues, and requested the parties initially address the question of whether the Commission has jurisdictional authority to establish alternative ratemaking methodologies for pipe replacement that go beyond the parameters established under the Gas Safety and Reliability Policy Act before addressing the

² Order Opening General Investigation, March 12, 2015 (Order).

¹ Staff Report & Recommendation, February 2, 2015, p.1 (Staff R&R).

other issues.³ The Order stated the Commission may request further comments following a decision on the jurisdictional question.⁴

3. Through email conversations exchanged on March 13, 2015, the parties have discussed and agreed upon the procedural schedule below, and the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule for this docket. Following a Commission order on the jurisdictional question, a further procedural schedule will be developed if necessary.

Date	Action
April 17, 2015	Simultaneous Briefs on Jurisdictional Issue Due
May 19, 2015	Order on Jurisdictional Issue Due

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- The Commission adopts the procedural schedule set forth above in paragraph A. 3. Following a Commission order on the jurisdictional question, the Prehearing Officer will work with the parties to develop a further procedural schedule if necessary.
- Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service В. of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.⁵
- The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the C. purpose of entering such further order or orders as it may deem necessary.

³ Order, p. 3. ⁴ *Id*.

⁵ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated:	MAR	1	9	2015	

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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.

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