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SECTION 1: NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

CASE NO: 00009430
CAPTION Application of Universal Natural Gas, INC. for Test Year 2021 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the Environs Service Areas.
DATE FILED -- 05/02/2022
FILED BY -- J. Ross Buttermore
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Claudia Godoy

CASE NO: 00009431
CAPTION Application of Hooks Gas Pipeline, LLC for Test Year 2021 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment.
DATE FILED -- 05/02/2022
FILED BY -- J. Ross Buttermore
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Sarah Montoya-Foglesong

CASE NO: 00009454
CAPTION Application Filed by Monument Pipeline, LP to Report the Sold, Transferred, and Conveyed Their Respective Membership Interests in Monument Pipeline, LP to Arm Monument Intermediate Holdings, LLC.
DATE FILED -- 05/04/2022
FILED BY -- William Meyer
EXAMINER -- Sarah Montoya-Foglesong
TECHNICAL --

**SECTION 2: APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING
CONFERENCE**

Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2022

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED BY	§	
MARKHAM GAS CORP. TO CHANGE	§	
RATES IN THE ENVIRONS OF	§	OS-22-00008970
MARKHAM, TEXAS	§	

NOTICE OF HEARING

Summary of the Proceeding and Factual Matters Asserted. On March 7, 2022, Markham Gas Corp. (“Markham”) filed with the Commission a Statement of Intent (“SOI”) to increase rates in the environs of Markham, Matagorda County, Texas. Markham’s SOI was docketed as OS-22-00008970. As part of its rate filing, Markham requests that the Commission: (1) afford Markham the opportunity to recover its reasonable and necessary costs to provide gas utility service in its service area; and 2) provide Markham with a fair and reasonable return upon its invested capital used and useful in providing natural gas service.

On March 29, 2022, the Commission suspended the effective date of Markham’s rate change for 150 days, pursuant to Section 104.107 (Rate Suspension; Deadline) of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act (“GURA”) of the Texas Utilities Code.

On May 2, 2022, the parties notified the presiding Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) and Technical Examiners that a settlement had been reached.

Parties. Participating parties in this docket include Markham (Applicant) and Staff of the Railroad Commission (Intervenor).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing will be held, at the time and place set out below, to consider all issues of fact and law raised in or are relevant to Markham’s requested relief. The scope of the hearing may be limited to the parties’ settlement.

Legal Authority and Jurisdiction. The Commission has jurisdiction over Markham and the matters at issue in this proceeding pursuant to GURA Sections 102.001 (Railroad Commission Jurisdiction) and 104.001 (Authorization to Establish and Regulate Rates).

The presiding ALJ shall conduct the hearing pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 2001 (Administrative Procedure) of the Texas Government Code and pursuant

to Title 16, Part 1 (Railroad Commission of Texas), of the Texas Administrative Code, and other applicable authority.

Particular Statutes and Rules Involved. The statutes and rules applicable to this proceeding may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. All sections in GURA Chapters 101 (General Provisions and Office of Public Utility Counsel), 102 (Jurisdiction and Powers of Railroad Commission and Other Regulatory Authorities), and 104 (Rates and Services); and
2. Title 16, Part 1 (Railroad Commission of Texas), of the Texas Administrative Code, including Chapters 1 (Practice and Procedure) and 7 (Gas Services Division).

Time, Place, and Nature of Hearing. **IT IS DIRECTED** that the hearing on the merits shall commence at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022 via the Zoom video conferencing platform.** Please check with Docket Services at docketservices@rrc.texas.gov on how to participate by Zoom. If the hearing is not concluded on the day it commences, the hearing will be continued from day to day, as announced, until concluded.

Written Transcript of the Hearing. The record of the hearing will be made by recording device or by stenographic transcription by the court reporter. Any party that desires a written transcription of the hearing should contact the court reporter at (512) 282-0313. The Commission may assess the cost of the transcript or expedited transcript to one or more parties pursuant to Section 2001.059 (Transcript) of the Texas Government Code.

Auxiliary Aids or Services for Persons with a Disability. Any individual with a disability who needs auxiliary aids and services to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in the hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the hearing by notifying the Human Resources Department of the Commission by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 or by telephone at (512) 463-6981 or TDD No. (800) 735-2989.

Contact for Additional Information – In accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.061 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.6, ex parte communications with the Administrative Law Judges, Examiners, and Commissioners are prohibited. Any persons or entities desiring additional information may contact the Commission by writing to the Director, Hearings Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. Any persons or entities having clerical questions, such as questions regarding the number of copies of filings, the service list, or reviewing the record, may contact Docket Services at (512) 463-6848.

Signed on May 11, 2022.

BRENNAN J. FOLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

SECTION 3: STATUS OF PENDING CASES

None currently.

SECTION 4: NOTICES OF DISMISSAL

None currently.

SECTION 5: ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

None currently.

SECTION 6: MISCELLANEOUS

A. Gas Services Department Publications and Statistics

1. Gas Utilities Information Bulletins available at <https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/>.
2. Rate Review Handbook available at <https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/>.
3. Gas Utilities Annual Statistics available at <https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/>.
4. Gas Storage Statistics available at <https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/>.
5. Six MCF Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Texas Cities available at <https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/>.

B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits

1. The Public Utility Commission of Texas has published that the interest rate to be applied customer deposits in calendar year 2022 is 0.06%. All gas utilities should use 0.61% for the calendar year 2021 and 2.21% for calendar year 2020. This information can be found at: <https://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/electric/reports/HRates/HistRates.pdf>

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C. Audit Forms

1. Gas Utility Tax and Annual Forms available at <https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/gas-services-forms/>.
2. Gas Utility Annual Reports available on Neubus at: <https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php? module =esd& action =keysearch&profile=13>.
3. Information relating to any of the above, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Department, 9th Floor, 1701 North Congress. All requests for copies must be made in writing and should be addressed to the Audit Section. Copies will be provided for a fee, depending on the volume of copy work desired, allow a minimum of ten business days for completion of requests.
4. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022 or fax your request to 512-475-3180.

D. Market Oversight Section Forms

1. Annual Earnings and Monitoring Report available at <https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/gas-services-forms/>.
2. Interim Rate Adjustment Application (GRIP) and Customer Notice available at <https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/gas-services-forms/>.

E. Gas Utility Docket Information

1. Orders and Proposals for Decision are published on the Commission's web site at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/dockets/gas-utility-dockets/> and RRC CASES at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/rrc-cases/>.
2. Gas Utility Dockets are also available on Neubus at https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php?_module=_esd&_action=_keysearch&profile=14.

F. Natural Gas Tariff Filings

1. Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Andrea Maxwell, Janet Sims, Erik Gardner or Alexis Larraga at (512) 463-7167.
2. Natural Gas Tariffs and Rate Schedules available at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/natural-gas-tariffs-rate-schedules/>.

G. Common Carrier Pipeline Tariff Filings

1. Questions pertaining to the filing of common carrier pipeline tariffs should be directed to Janet Sims at 512-463-6779.
2. Common Carrier Pipeline Tariffs available at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/common-carrier-pipeline-tariffs/>.

H. Propane Distribution Systems

1. Propane distribution price cap information is available at: <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/propane-distribution-systems/>.

I. Curtailment Plan (Gas Utility Docket 489)

1. Curtailment questions should be referred to 512-463-7167 or by email at naturalgascurtailment@rrc.texas.gov.
2. Curtailment reports made during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to 512-463-7167.
3. Curtailment reports made after hours or during holidays, should be made to 512-463-6788.

J. Compliance Filings

1. Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Claudia Godoy at 512-463-7118 or by email at GUD_Compliance@rrc.texas.gov.

K. Complaints and Inquiries

1. Residential and Commercial Propane and Natural Gas Complaints should be made at GasComplaints@rrc.texas.gov or by phone at 512-463-7164.
2. Informal Gas Purchasing, Selling, Transportation or Gathering Practice Complaints should be submitted online at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/complaint-filing/informal-gas-transportation-purchase-complaint-preliminary-information-online-form/> or at 512-463-7167.
3. Informal Complaint Preliminary Information form available at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/gas-services-forms/>.

L. Non-Submetered Master Meter Disconnections

1. Municipalities wishing to opt in receiving notice from utilities when non-submetered master metered multifamily property is subject to disconnection of service due to non-payment can do so at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/non-submetered-master-meter-disconnections/>.

M. Texas Utilities Codes

1. Available through the State of Texas website at <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/>.

N. Texas Administrative Codes

1. Available at the State of Texas website at:
[http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7).

O. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations

1. Pending rules and regulations available at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/general-counsel/rules/proposed-rules/>.

P. Proposed Form Amendments (PFD):

1. PFDs available at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/forms/proposed-form-amendments/>.

Q. Hearings and Legal Analysis

1. Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Office of General Counsel at 512-463-7149.

R. Status of Pending Cases

1. The status of all pending cases listed in Section 3 of this Bulletin is for informational purposes only and is complete up to the time of printing of this Bulletin. For a more accurate status of pending cases, please call the Office of General Counsel at 512-463-7149.