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# SECTION 1: NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

**CASE NO**: 00011073

**CAPTION** Application of Texas Gas Service Company for Commission Review of the

Customer Rate Relief Charge and Cost of Gas Rate Schedules.

**DATE FILED** -- 12/01/2022 **FILED BY** -- Kate Norman **EXAMINER** -- Claudia Godoy

TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: 00011304

**CAPTION** Application of Universal Natural Gas, Inc. for Commission Review of the

Customer Rate Relief Charge and Cost of Gas Rate Schedules.

DATE FILED -- 12/08/2022 FILED BY -- Maggie Reid EXAMINER -- Claudia Godoy

TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: 00011445

**CAPTION** Application of Houston Pipe Line Company LP for Approval of Curtailment Plan

Under Commission Rule 7.455(d)

**DATE FILED** -- 12/6/2022

FILED BY -- James D. Seegers EXAMINER -- Claudia Godoy

TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: 00011446

**CAPTION** Application of Energy Transfer Fuel, LP for Approval of Curtailment Plan Under

Commission Rule 7.455(d)

**DATE FILED** -- 12/6/2022

FILED BY -- James D. Seegers EXAMINER -- Mimi Winetroub

TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: 00011447

**CAPTION** Application of ETC Katy Pipeline, LLC for Approval of Curtailment Plan Under

Commission Rule 7.455(d)

**DATE FILED** -- 12/06/2022 **FILED BY** -- James D. Seegers **EXAMINER** -- Marzi Bolhassani

TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: 00011448

**CAPTION** Application of Oasis Pipeline, LP for Approval of Curtailment Plan Under

Commission Rule 7.455(d)

**DATE FILED** -- 12/06/2022 **FILED BY** -- James D. Seegers **EXAMINER** -- Erik Gardner

TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: 00011449

**CAPTION** Application of Comanche Trail Pipeline, LLC for Approval of Curtailment Plan

Under Commission Rule 7.455(d)

**DATE FILED** -- 12/06/2022 **FILED BY** -- James D. Seggers **EXAMINER** -- Claudia Godoy

TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: 00011450

**CAPTION** Application of Trans-Pecos Pipeline, LLC for Approval of Curtailment Plan

Under Commission Rule 7.455(d)

**DATE FILED** -- 12/06/2022 **FILED BY** -- James D. Seggers **EXAMINER** -- Mimi Winetroub

TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: 00011451

**CAPTION** Application of Red Bluff Express Pipeline, LLC for Approval of Curtailment

Plan Under Commission Rule 7.455(d)

**DATE FILED** -- 12/06/2022 **FILED BY** -- James D. Seggers **EXAMINER** -- Marzi Bolhassani

TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: 00011452

**CAPTION** Application of Lobo Pipeline Company, LLC for Approval of Curtailment Plan

Under Commission Rule 7.455(d)

DATE FILED -- 12/06/2022
FILED BY -- James D. Seggers
EXAMINER -- Erik Gardner
TECHNICAL --

**CASE NO**: OS-22-00011506

**CAPTION** Appeal Filed by Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of One Gas, Inc., From

the Action of the City of El Paso, Anthony, Clint, San Elizario, et. al., Texas.

DATE FILED -- 12/01/2022
FILED BY -- Kate Norman
EXAMINER -- Brennan Foley
TECHNICAL -- James Currier

**CASE NO**: 00011574

**CAPTION** Application of Atmos Mid-Tex to Revise Its Industrial Sales Tariff.

**DATE FILED** -- 12/08/2022 **FILED BY** -- Chris Felan

**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

# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED BY	§
ONALASKA WATER & GAS SUPPLY	§ OS-22-00010576,
CORP. TO CHANGE RATES IN THE	§ Consolidated
ENVIRONS OF THE CITY OF	§
ONALASKA, TEXAS	§

# **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Summary of the Proceeding and Factual Matters Asserted. On August 31, 2022, Onalaska Water & Gas Supply Corporation ("Onalaska") filed with the Commission a statement of intent to increase gas utility rates in the unincorporated environs of the City of Onalaska, Texas (the "SOI"). The SOI was docketed as OS-22-00010576. In its SOI, as subsequently amended, Onalaska requests that the Commission approve a schedule of rates for residential and commercial customers consistent with those proposed in its amended SOI, as well as approve recovery by Onalaska of reasonable rate case expenses associated with this docket.

Subsequently, Staff of the Railroad Commission ("Commission Staff") formally intervened as a party "to assert its interest in assuring that the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, together with the appropriate statutes, have been followed."

On November 2, 2022, Onalaska filed a related petition for review from action taken by the City of Onalaska, Texas, denying its rate change request at the municipal level. This appeal was docketed as OS-22-00011211. Upon a finding that this appeal and the original SOI involve common questions of fact and law, the presiding Administrative Law Judge granted an unopposed motion by Onalaska to consolidate OS-22-00011211 (the appeal) with OS-22-00011211 (the SOI).

On November 18, 2022, Commission Staff filed a pleading notifying the Hearings Division that the parties reached a settlement in principle resolving all issues in this proceeding.

**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 relevant to—Onalaska's requested relief. The scope of the hearing may be limited to the parties' settlement agreement, which may include associated rate case expenses.

**Legal Authority and Jurisdiction**. The Commission has, or may have, jurisdiction over Onalaska and the matters at issue in this proceeding pursuant to Texas Utilities Code Sections 102.001 (Railroad Commission Jurisdiction), 103.003 (Surrender of Municipal Jurisdiction to Railroad Commission; Reinstatement of Jurisdiction), 103.051 (Appeal by Party), 103.052

(Appeal by Residents), 103.053 (Appeal by Ratepayers Outside Municipality), and 104.001 (Authorization to Establish and Regulate Rates).

The presiding Administrative Law Judge 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.

*Particular Statutes and Rules Involved*. The statutes and rules applicable to this proceeding may include the following:

- 1. Title 3 (Gas Regulation) of the Texas Utilities Code, including Chapters 101 (General Provisions and Office of Public Utility Counsel), 102 (Jurisdiction and Powers of Railroad Commission and Other Regulatory Authorities), 103 (Jurisdiction and Powers of Municipality), and 104 (Rates and Services);
- 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); and
- 3. Chapter 2001 (Administrative Procedure) of the Texas Government Code.

*Time, Place, and Nature of Hearing*. **IT IS DIRECTED** the hearing on the merits shall commence at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023**, in the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 12th floor (check with Docket Services, room 12-123, for hearings room location). If not concluded on the day it commences, the hearing will be continued from day to day, as announced, until concluded. All parties desiring to present sworn testimony, documentary and demonstrative evidence, and argument regarding any issue of law or fact at the hearing shall appear in person or by an attorney.

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 copy of the written transcript 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 Commission's Docket Services by mail at P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 or by telephone at (512) 463-6848 or TDD No. (800) 735-2989.

Contact for Additional Information. Ex parte communications with the Commissioners, Administrative Law Judges, and Technical Examiners are prohibited. Clerical questions, such as questions regarding the number of copies of filings, the service list, or reviewing the record, may be directed to Docket Services at (512) 463-6848 or docketservices@rrc.texas.gov.

# Signed on December 7, 2022.

JOHN B. DODSON

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**

#### **Gas Services Department Publications and Statistics** A.

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

#### В. **Interest Rate on Customer Deposits**

The Public Utility Commission of Texas has published that the interest rate to be applied customer deposits in calendar year 2023 is 1.36%. All gas utilities should use 0.06% for the calendar year 2022 and 0.61% for calendar year 2021. This information can be found at:https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-

info/industry/electric/reports/HRates/HistRates.pdf

#### **Contact Information**

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Erik Gardner, Financial Analyst
Marzi Bolhassani, Financial Analyst III
Mimi Winetroub, Financial Analyst III
Andrea Maxwell, Research Specialist III, Team Lead
Alexis Larraga, Customer Service Representative IV
Janet Sims, Customer Service Representative IV
Malachi Chavelas-Miranda, Customer Service Representative IV
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#### C. Audit Forms

- 1. Gas Utility Tax and Annual Forms available at <a href="https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/gas-services-forms/">https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/gas-services/gas-services-forms/</a>.
- 2. Gas Utility Annual Reports available on Neubus at: <a href="https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php?\_module\_=esd&\_action\_=keysearch&profile=13">https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php?\_module\_=esd&\_action\_=keysearch&profile=13</a>.
- 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 <a href="https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services-forms/">https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services-forms/</a>.
- 2. Interim Rate Adjustment Application (GRIP) and Customer Notice available at <a href="https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/gas-services-forms/">https://rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/gas-services-forms/</a>.

### E. Gas Utility Docket Information

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

#### 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, Alexis Larraga, Marisol Gomez or Malachi Chavelas-Miranda at (512) 463-7167.
- 2. Natural Gas Tariffs and Rate Schedules available at <a href="https://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/natural-gas-tariffs-rate-schedules/">https://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/natural-gas-tariffs-rate-schedules/</a>.

#### 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 <a href="http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/common-carrier-pipeline-tariffs/">http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/common-carrier-pipeline-tariffs/</a>.

#### H. Propane Distribution Systems

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

#### I. Curtailment Plan (§7.455)

- 1. Curtailment questions should be referred to 512-463-7167 or by email at <a href="mailto:naturalgascurtailment@rrc.texas.gov">naturalgascurtailment@rrc.texas.gov</a>.
- 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 <a href="mailto:GUD\_Compliance@rrc.texas.gov">GUD\_Compliance@rrc.texas.gov</a>.

## 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 <a href="http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/complaint-filing/informal-gas-transportation-purchase-complaint-preliminary-information-online-form/">http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/complaint-filing/informal-gas-transportation-purchase-complaint-preliminary-information-online-form/</a> 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

 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 <a href="http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/non-submetered-master-meter-disconnections/">http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/non-submetered-master-meter-disconnections/</a>.

#### 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.

# O. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations

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

#### P. Proposed Form Amendments (PFD):

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

#### 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.