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SECTION 1

NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO. -- 10362
CAPTION -- Proposed amendments to Rule Section 7.5530, relating to Allowable Rate Case Expenses, proposed new Rule Section 1.86, Alignment of Municipal Interveners for Purposes of Discovery and proposed new Rule Section 1.87, Limitation on Discovery Requests.
DATE FILED -- 06/17/2014
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER -- Bill Geise
TECHNICAL -- Eugene Montes

DOCKET NO. -- 10363
CAPTION -- Application of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Entex, to Abandon Natural Gas Service to a Residential Customer in Jim Hogg County, Texas.
DATE FILED -- 06/20/2014
FILED BY -- Kate Norman
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Frank Tomicek

DOCKET NO. -- 10364
CAPTION -- Inquiry into the Failure of Chevron Pipe Line Company to Comply with Safety Standards.
DATE FILED -- 06/24/2014
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO. -- 10365
CAPTION -- Rate Case Expenses Severed from Gas Utilities Docket No. 10359.
DATE FILED -- 06/24/2014
FILED BY -- Ann Coffin
EXAMINER -- Eugene Montes
TECHNICAL -- Christina Poole

DOCKET NO. -- 10366
CAPTION -- Amendment of 16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.70, relating to Pipeline Permits Required.
DATE FILED -- 06/26/2014
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER -- Mary Ross McDonald
TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO. -- 10367
CAPTION -- Application of Hughes Natural Gas, Inc. for Test Year 2013 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment Program for the Environs Area.
DATE FILED -- 07/03/2014
FILED BY -- Real Provencher
EXAMINER -- Bill Geise
TECHNICAL -- Frank Tomicek

DOCKET NO. -- 10368
CAPTION -- Petition for De Novo Review of the Denial of the Rate Review Mechanism Tariff filed by Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division by the Cities of Aubrey, Lakeside, and Ponder.
DATE FILED -- 07/11/2014
FILED BY -- Ann Coffin
EXAMINER -- Eugene Montes
TECHNICAL -- Christina Poole

SECTION 2

APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

[Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2014](#)

SECTION 3

STATUS OF PENDING CASES

None at this time.

SECTION 4

NOTICES OF DISMISSAL

None at this time.

SECTION 5

ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

GUD No. 10345

Application of CenterPoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2013 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment Program for the Environs of the Beaumont/East Texas Division and the Cities of Ames, Center, Colmesneil, Crockett, Diboll, Elkhart, Gilmer, Grapeland, Groveton, Hudson, Jasper, Latexo, Lovelady, Lumberton, Nacogdoches, Pinehurst, San Augustine, Shepherd, Tenaha, Timpson, Trinity, Vidor and West Orange, which have Ceded Jurisdiction to the Commission pursuant to GURA Section 103.003.

GUD No. 10346

Application of CenterPoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2013 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment Program for the Environs of the South Texas Division and the Cities of Beeville, Eagle Lake, Floresville, Goliad, Hallettsville, Kenedy, New Braunfels, Nordheim, Pleasanton, San Diego, Schertz, Seguin, Selma, Sinton, and Weimer, which have Ceded Jurisdiction to the Commission pursuant to GURA Section 103.003.

GUD No. 10347

Application filed by Texas Gas Service Company, a division of ONE Gas, Inc.'s 2013 Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program Rate Adjustment for the Unincorporated Areas of the El Paso Service Area.

SECTION 6
MISCELLANEOUS

WILLIAM O. GEISE, GAS SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR

1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

A. Publications

1. Texas Utilities Code Titles 3 and 4. Now available at the State of Texas' website at:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us>

Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules. Now available thru the Commission's Website at:

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7)

2. Annual Report for Fiscal Year – Now available via the Commission's website at:

<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/gas-utility-statistical-reports/>

3. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - Now available via the Commission's website at:

<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/six-mcf-report/>

B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits

We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2014 is 0.09%. All gas utilities should use 0.12% for the calendar year 2013 and 0.12% for calendar year 2012.

2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION

A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building 1701 North Congress, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78701	Telephone	(512) 463-7022
Ed Abrahamson, Director, Utility Audit Section	Fax	(512) 475-3180
Pearl Rodriguez, Program Specialist		
Irma Brower, Accounting Technician II		

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Larry Alcorn, Auditor
Dale Francis, Senior Auditor
Konata Uzoma, Senior Auditor
Vonetta Jackson, Auditor

B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports

1. Questions relating to gas utility tax, call Irma Brower or Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
2. Questions relating to annual reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
3. Inquiries relating to audit reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.

C. Available Information

Gas Utility Annual Reports - Now available via Commission's website at:

<https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php? module =esd& action =keysearch&profile=13>

Information relating to any of the above, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Division, 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 seven to ten business days for completion of requests. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022, or Fax your request to (512) 475-3180.

3. MARKET OVERSIGHT

A. Maintains the following office to assist you:

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building
1701 North Congress, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711
Mark Evarts, Director

Telephone (512) 463-7167

B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin

Published on the Commission's web site at:

<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/gas-utilities-information-bulletins/>

C. Proposals For Decision

Published on the Commission's web site at:

<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/legal/hearings-and-dockets/dockets/gas-utility-dockets/>

D. Tariff Filings

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Kathy Arroyo, Claudia Godoy, Yolanda Lovelace, or Ranissa Stewart at (512) 463-7167.

E. Curtailments

Curtailment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made during hours other than those specified above and holidays, should be made to (512) 463-6788.

F. Compliance Filings
Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Mark Brock at (512) 463-7167.

G. Complaints and Inquiries
All complaints and inquiries relating to the gas utility industry should be directed to the Market Oversight Section at (512) 463-7164.

H. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations:

4. HEARINGS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. Miscellaneous

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.

B. Status of Pending Cases

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 Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.