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August 29, 2024

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The Honorable James Oakley
Burnet County Judge
220 S. Pierce
Burnet, Texas 78611

RE: OS-24-00017471, *Statement of Intent of Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc., to Change Gas Utility Rates Within the Unincorporated Areas of the Central-Gulf Service Area*

Dear Judge Oakley:

Enclosed is the Notice of Hearing for the above-referenced gas utility docket at the Railroad Commission of Texas. This Notice of Hearing was issued on August 28, 2024, and is being provided to you, as governing body of an affected county, in accordance with the Texas Utilities Code.¹

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, Capitol Station, and 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dodson", is written over a horizontal line.

John Dodson
Administrative Law Judge

Enclosure

¹ See Tex. Util. Code § 104.105(c) ("The regulatory body shall give reasonable notice of the hearing, including notice to the governing body of each affected municipality and county.").

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CENTRAL-GULF SERVICE AREA	§	

NOTICE OF HEARING

Summary of the Proceeding and Factual Matters Asserted. On June 3, 2024, Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. (“TGS”), filed with the Commission a statement of intent to change gas utility rates within the unincorporated areas of its Central-Gulf Service Area (the “SOI”). The SOI was docketed as OS-24-00017471. In its SOI, TGS requests that the Commission approve a schedule of rates for customers consistent with those proposed in its SOI, along with other related relief, and also approve recovery by TGS of its reasonable rate case expenses associated with this docket.

Subsequently, the presiding Administrative Law Judge severed the consideration of rate case expense amounts associated with the SOI into a separate docket, OS-24-00017803, to be adjudicated separately and on a different procedural track from this docket.

Intervening Parties. Three parties intervened and participated throughout this docket—Staff of the Railroad Commission (“Commission Staff”), who intervened “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,” along with two separate coalitions of municipalities: Cities Served by Texas Gas Service Company (“TGS Cities”); and Steering Committee of Cities (“SCC”).

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—TGS’s requested relief. The scope of the hearing may be limited to a partial or total settlement by the parties, if applicable, and may include the consideration of recovery by the parties of their associated rate case expenses, as well as any appeals of related municipal actions.

Legal Authority and Jurisdiction. The Commission has, or may have, jurisdiction over TGS 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.