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SECTION 1: NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO.: 10894

CAPTION Inquiry into The Failure of The City of Winona to Comply with Safety Standards.

DATE FILED -- 09/16/2019

FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion

EXAMINER --TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10895

CAPTION Application of CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas for

Approval of Regulatory Asset for Depreciation Expense.

DATE FILED -- 09/20/2019 **FILED BY** -- Keith L. Wall **EXAMINER** -- Claudia Godoy

TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10896

CAPTION Application filed by Ocelot Energy Management for a waiver pursuant to 16 TAC

8.125 for the Waterway Crossing Survey System. (Filed by, 15375 Memorial

Drive, Suite 850, Houston, Texas 77079)

DATE FILED -- 09/20/2019 **FILED BY** -- Mark Buteau

EXAMINER --

TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10897

CAPTION Application filed by Ocelot Energy Management for a waiver pursuant to 16 TAC

8.125 for the Pipeline Rehabilitation Utilizing FlexSteel.

DATE FILED -- 09/20/2019 **FILED BY** -- Mark Buteau

EXAMINER --

TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10898

CAPTION Application filed by SiEnergy to Report the Acquired Assets of More than \$1

million from ORIX AM Investments, LLC.

DATE FILED -- 09/20/2019 **FILED BY** -- June Dively **EXAMINER** -- Frank Tomicek

TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10899

CAPTION Statement of Intent filed by NatGas, Inc. to Change Rates In and Around the

Unincorporated Community of Ozona, Texas.

DATE FILED -- 09/27/2019
FILED BY -- Karl J. Nalepa
EXAMINER -- Dee Marlo Chico
TECHNICAL -- James Currier

DOCKET NO.: 10900

CAPTION Statement of Intent Filed by Atmos Energy Corporation, West Texas Division's to

Establish Cost-Based Rates for the Triangle Distribution System.

DATE FILED -- 09/20/2019

FILED BY -- Philip R. Littlejohn
EXAMINER -- John Dodson
TECHNICAL -- Dee Marlo Chico

DOCKET NO.: 10901

CAPTION Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to show the City of New Boston

and City of Montgomery, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the

Railroad Commission of Texas.

DATE FILED -- 09/30/2019 **FILED BY** -- Keith L. Wall **EXAMINER** -- Claudia Godoy

TECHNICAL --

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

Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2018

None currently.

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 http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/gas-utilities-information-bulletins/.
- 2. Rate Review Handbook available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/media/41964/rate-review-handbook-2017.pdf.
- 3. Gas Utilities Annual Statistics available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/2017-gas-utility-annual-statistical-reports/.
- 4. Gas Storage Statistics available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/.
- 5. Six MCF Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Texas Cities available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/six-mcf-report/.

B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits

1. We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission of Texas that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2018 is 0.91%. All gas utilities should use 0.42% for the calendar year 2017 and 0.11% for calendar year 2016. This information can be found at: https://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/electric/reports/HRates/HistRates.pdf

C. Contact Information

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D. Audit Forms

- 1. Gas Utility Tax and Annual Forms available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/forms/.
- 2. Copies of Gas Utility Annual Reports available on Neubus at: https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php? module eesd&_action_ekeysearch&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.

E. Market Oversight Section Forms

- 1. Annual Earnings and Monitoring Report available at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/6085/annualearningsmonitoringreport.pdf
- 2. Interim Cost Recovery and Rate Adjustment Report available at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/6084/newinfrastructure.pdf.

F. Gas Utility Docket Information

- 1. Orders and Proposals for Decision published on the Commission's web site at: http://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/dockets/gas-utility-dockets/
- 2. Gas Utility Dockets available on Neubus at https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php? module module esd&_action_=keysearch&profile=14.

G. 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, Sheila Mendoza or Virgie Frausto at (512) 463-7167.
- 2. Natural Gas Tariffs and Rate Schedules available at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/natural-gas-tariffs-and-rate-schedules/.

H. Common Carrier Pipeline Tariff Filings

- 1. Questions pertaining to the filing of common carrier pipeline tariffs should be directed to Sheila Mendoza at 512-463-7023.
- 2. Common Carrier Pipeline Tariffs available at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/common-carrier-pipeline-tariffs/.

I. Propane Distribution Systems

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

J. 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.

K. Compliance Filings

1. Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Christina Poole at 512-463-7167 or by email at GUD_Compliance@rrc.texas.gov.

L. Complaints and Inquiries

- 1. Residential and Commercial Propane and Natural Gas Complaints should be made at GasComplaints@rrc.texas.gov or by phone at 512-463-7167.
- 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 http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/5671/informal-complaint-preliminary-information.pdf.

M. 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 http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/non-submetered-master-meter-disconnections/.

N. Texas Utilities Codes

1. Available through the State of Texas website at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us.

O. 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=
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P. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations

1. Pending rules and regulations available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/general-counsel/rules/.

Q. Proposed Form Amendments (PFD):

1. PFDs available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/about-us/resource-center/forms/proposed-form-changes/.

R. Hearings and Legal Analysis

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

S. 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 General Counsel Division at 512-463-7149.