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**SECTION 1: NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED**

**CASE NO:** OS-23-00013758  
**CAPTION** Statement of Intent Filed by Atmos Pipeline - Texas to Increase Rates.  
**DATE FILED --** 05/19/2023  
**FILED BY --** Jared Geiger  
**EXAMINER --** Brennan Foley  
**TECHNICAL --** James Currier

**CASE NO:** 00013923  
**CAPTION** Application Filed by CenterPoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Uncertain,  
Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
**DATE FILED --** 05/22/2023  
**FILED BY --** Keith L. Wall  
**EXAMINER --** Marzi Bolhassani  
**TECHNICAL --**

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED BY** §  
**T&L GAS COMPANY TO CHANGE** §  
**RATES IN THE ENVIRONS OF** § **OS-23-00012594**  
**THE CITY OF CONROE, TEXAS** §

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

***Summary of the Proceeding and Factual Matters Asserted.*** On February 6, 2023, T&L Gas Company (“T&L”) filed with the Commission a statement of intent to increase gas utility rates in the unincorporated environs of the City of Conroe, Texas (the “SOI”). The SOI was docketed as OS-23-00012594. In its SOI, as subsequently amended, T&L 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 T&L 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.”

**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—T&L’s requested relief.

***Legal Authority and Jurisdiction.*** The Commission has, or may have, jurisdiction over T&L 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.

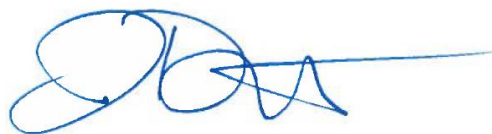
***Time, Place, and Nature of Hearing.*** **IT IS DIRECTED** the hearing on the merits shall commence at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2023, via the Zoom online platform.** The Zoom link will be circulated to the service list via e-mail prior to the start of the hearing. Members of the public may request the link by e-mailing: Sharon.Koren@rrc.texas.gov. 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 docketsservices@rrc.texas.gov.*

**Signed on May 24, 2023.**



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**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**

1. **Case No. 00012592** Application of Texas Gas Service Company for Test Year 2022 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the Unincorporated Areas of the Central-Gulf Service Area.
  - a. [Interim Rate Adjustment Order](#) (05/17/2023)
2. **Case No. 00012616** Application of Atmos Pipeline - Texas for Test Year 2022 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment.
  - a. [Interim Rate Adjustment Order](#) (05/17/2023)
3. **Case No. 00012617** Application of West Texas Gas Utility, LLC for Test Year 2021 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for its Unincorporated Service Areas.
  - a. [Interim Rate Adjustment Order](#) (05/17/2023)
4. **Case No. 00012759** Application of Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division for Test Year 2022 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the Unincorporated Mid-Tex Division.
  - a. [Interim Rate Adjustment Order](#) (05/17/2023)
5. **Case No. 00012760** Application of Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division for Test Year 2022 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the Unincorporated West Texas Division.
  - a. [Interim Rate Adjustment Order](#) (05/17/2023)
6. **Case No. 00012761** Application of Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division for Test Year 2022 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the West Texas Triangle Division.
  - a. [Interim Rate Adjustment Order](#) (05/17/2023)

### **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 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>

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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, Alexis Larraga, Marisol Gomez or Malachi Chavelas-Miranda 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 (§7.455)**

1. Curtailment questions should be referred to 512-463-7167 or by email at [naturalgascurtailment@rrc.texas.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.