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

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10146  
**CAPTION** -- Inquiry into the Failure of Stephens Production Company to Comply with Safety Standards.  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/14/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Commission's Own Motion  
**EXAMINER** --  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10147  
**CAPTION** -- Application of Atmos Energy Corporation to Revise Certain Depreciation Rates  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/13/12  
**FILED BY** -- Joe Christian  
**EXAMINER** -- Rose Ruiz  
**TECHNICAL** -- Cecile Hanna

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10148  
**CAPTION** -- Rate Case Expenses Severed from GUD No. 10021  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/14/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Commission's Own Motion  
**EXAMINER** -- Cecile Hanna  
**TECHNICAL** -- Mark Brock

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10149  
**CAPTION** -- Amendment of certain rules in 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 8, Pipeline Safety Regulations, to maintain compliance with pipeline safety program requirements  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/26/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Commission's Own Motion  
**EXAMINER** -- Mary Ross McDonald  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10150  
**CAPTION** -- Application of CenterPoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2011 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment Program for the Environs of the Houston Division and the Cities of Cut and Shoot, Galena park, Jacinto City, New Waverly, Panorama Village, Roman Forest, South Houston, Southside Place, West University and Willis which have Ceded Jurisdiction to the Commission pursuant to GURA Section 103.003.  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/30/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Bill Geise  
**TECHNICAL** -- Gary Torrent

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**DOCKET NO.** -- 10151  
**CAPTION** -- Application of Centerpoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2011 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.

**DATE FILED** -- 03/30/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Bill Geise  
**TECHNICAL** -- Gary Torrent

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10152  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Ames, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10153  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Beeville, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10154  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Floresville, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10155  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Goliad, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

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**DOCKET NO.** -- 10156  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Hudson, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10157  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of New Braunfels, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10158  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Schertz, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10159  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Selma, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10160  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Timpson, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

**DOCKET NO.** -- 10161  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to Show the City of Vidor, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
**DATE FILED** -- 03/29/2012  
**FILED BY** -- Keith Wall  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts  
**TECHNICAL** --

**SECTION 2**

**APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2012

**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. 10106:

Appeal filed by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas from the Actions of the Cities of Alvin, Clear Lake Shores, Dickinson, Friendswood, Kemah, La Marque, Lake Jackson, Manvel, Mont Belvieu, Morgan's Point, Rosenberg, Santa Fe, Seabrook, Sugar Land, Taylor Lake Village, and Texas City, Texas.

**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.

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

<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/annualrpt/index.php>

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/data/gasservices/sixmcf/index.php>

**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 2012 is 0.12%. All gas utilities should use 0.19% for the calendar year 2011 and .034% for calendar year 2010.

**2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION**

**A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:**

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building

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**B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports**

1. Questions relating to gas utility tax, call 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**

Copies of gas utility annual reports (2000 to present), as well as information relating to any of the above, A through C, 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  
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**B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin**

Published on the Commission's web site at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/forms/newsletters/gasutilitybulletins/index.php>

**C. Proposals For Decision**

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/meetings/dockets/index.php>

**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.