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Orders were issued in the following dockets:

GUD No. 9921: Statement of Intent Filed by Montgomery Gas Transmission, Inc. to Increase the City Gate Rate Charged to LDC, LLC - *Suspension Order*.

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SECTION 1
NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO. -- 9922
CAPTION -- Inquiry into the Failure of Atmos Energy, West Texas Division to Comply with Safety Standards.
DATE FILED -- November 30, 2009
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER --

DOCKET NO. -- 9923
CAPTION -- Inquiry into the Failure of Lamesa Villa Apartments/Lamesa to Comply with Safety Standards.
DATE FILED -- November 30, 2009
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER --

DOCKET NO. -- 9924
CAPTION -- Application filed by Atmos Pipeline - Texas to Abandon Service and Facilities; Line O-16 System, Hunt and Delta Counties Texas.
DATE FILED -- November 24, 2009
FILED BY -- Charles R. Yarbrough, II
EXAMINER -- Lynne LeMon

DOCKET NO. -- 9925
CAPTION -- Application filed by Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division to Abandon Service and Facilities; Line O-16 System, Hunt and Delta Counties Texas.
DATE FILED -- November 24, 2009
FILED BY -- Charles R. Yarbrough, II
EXAMINER -- Lynne LeMon

DOCKET NO. -- 9926
CAPTION -- Application of Cowtown Pipeline L.P. for Review of the Sale of several pipelines in Tarrant County, Texas.
DATE FILED -- December 7, 2009
FILED BY -- Eric Guy
EXAMINER -- Mark Brock

DOCKET NO. -- 9927
CAPTION -- Application of Cowtown Pipeline L.P. for Review of the Acquisition of several pipelines in Tarrant and Denton Counties, Texas.
DATE FILED -- December 7, 2009
FILED BY -- Eric Guy
EXAMINER -- Mark Brock

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DOCKET NO. -- 9928
CAPTION -- Application of Cowtown Pipeline Partners L.P. for Review of the Acquisition of several pipelines in Tarrant County, Texas.
DATE FILED -- December 7, 2009
FILED BY -- Eric Guy
EXAMINER -- Mark Brock

DOCKET NO. -- 9929
CAPTION -- Appeal of CenterPoint Energy Entex from the Actions of the Cities of Bunker Hill Village, Conroe, Hilshire Village, Nassau Bay, Pasadena, Piney Point Village, Shenandoah, Spring Valley Village, and Stafford.
DATE FILED -- December 7, 2009
FILED BY -- Ann M. Coffin and Dane McKaughan
EXAMINER -- Eugene Montes

SECTION 2
APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

None at this time.

SECTION 3
STATUS OF PENDING CASES

None at this time.

SECTION 4
NOTICES OF DISMISSAL

None at this time.

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**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 2007 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/annualrpt/2007/index.php>
 - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/annualrpt/2006/index.php>
 - c. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/annualrpt/2005/index.php>
 - d. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/annualrpt/2004/index.php>
 - e. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2003 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/annualrpt/2003/index.php>
 - f. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/annualrpt/2002/index.php>
 - g. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/annualrpt/2001/index.php>
3. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - \$2.00 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/data/gasservices/sixmcf/index.php>

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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 2010 is 0.34%. All gas utilities should use 2.09% through December 31, 2009 and use 0.34% effective January 1, 2010.

2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION**A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:**

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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.

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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, Yolanda Lovelace or Marie Blanco 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) 463-7164.

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:

GUD No. 9277 Amendments to §7.305 Curtailment Rule

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.