

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
GAS SERVICES DIVISION**

**GAS UTILITIES
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OF TEXAS**

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Orders were issued in the following dockets:

GUD No. 9731 Statement of Intent filed by Hughes Natural Gas, Inc. to Change the Rates in the Environs of Wildwood, Pinehurst and Magnolia – *Suspension Order*.

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SECTION 1
NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO. -- 9733
CAPTION -- Application Filed by West Texas Gas, Inc. to Abandon and Permanently Discontinue Service to Rural Domestic and Commercial Customers in Brown, Coleman, and McCulloch Counties, Texas.
DATE FILED -- May 14, 2007
FILED BY -- G. William Fowler
EXAMINER -- John Chakales

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 5
ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION**

**BEFORE THE
RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED BY HUGHES NATURAL GAS, INC. TO CHANGE THE RATES IN THE ENVIRONS OF WILDWOOD, PINEHURST AND MAGNOLIA	§ § § § § § §	GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9731
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SUSPENSION ORDER

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time period provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551 (Vernon 2004).

On April 27, 2007 Hughes Natural Gas, Inc. (Hughes) filed a Statement of Intent to change the rates and service charges of its residential and commercial customers in the environs of Wildwood, Pinehurst, and Magnolia. Hughes proposed a two-step process with rate and service charge fee increases effective on June 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008.

The Commission has the authority to suspend the proposed rates for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date on which the rates would otherwise become effective, under TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. § 104.007(a)(2) (Vernon 1998 and Supp. 2006). The Commission requires further time to consider the propriety of the proposed rate schedule change.

A suspension order is necessary to extend the implementation of the proposed rate for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date on which the rates would otherwise become effective

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS that the rates proposed in Hughes' statement of intent are hereby **SUSPENDED** for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date the rates would otherwise go into effect.

SIGNED this 15th day of May, 2007.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

/s/

ELIZABETH A. JONES
CHAIRMAN

/s/

MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS
COMMISSIONER

VICTOR G. CARRILLO
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST

/s/ Kim Williamson

SECRETARY

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**SECTION 6
MISCELLANEOUS****STEPHEN L. PITNER, 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.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/uttoc.html>
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 2004 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/TABLECON04.htm>
 - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2003 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents03.html>
 - c. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002 – Now available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents02.html>
 - d. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – available via the Commission's website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents01.html>
 - e. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000 - \$17.00 (includes statistical data for 1999)
 - f. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999 - \$9.00 (includes statistical data for 1998)
 - g. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1998 - \$7.00 (includes statistical data for 1997)
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/divisions/gs/rap/sixmcf.html>

Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of any of the publications or maps listed in Section A should contact the Central Records Section at 512-463-6887 OR 512-463-6882 P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

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 2007 is 4.68%. All gas utilities should use 3.09% through December 31, 2006 and use 4.68% effective January 1, 2007.

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

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building
1701 North Congress, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78701 Telephone (512) 463-7022
Ed Abrahamson, Director, Utility Audit Section Fax (512) 475-3180
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Larry Alcorn, Auditor
Dale Francis, Auditor
LaToya Johnson, Auditor
Konata Uzoma, Auditor

B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports

1. Questions relating to gas utility tax, call Rachel Hampton at (512) 463-7022.
2. Questions relating to annual reports, call Rachel Hampton or 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 (1999 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 five 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
1701 North Congress, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512) 463-7164
William O. Geise, Director

B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/rapbls.html>

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C. Proposals For Decision

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gp/rap/pfds.html>

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.