

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
GAS SERVICES DIVISION**

**GAS UTILITIES
INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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Orders were issued in the following dockets:

- GUD Docket No. 9532** Application of Sid Richardson Gas Pipeline, Ltd. to Establish a City Gate Rate for the City of Grandfalls, Texas. **SUSPENDED**
- GUD Docket No. 9533** Statement of Intent filed by CenterPoint Energy Entex, a Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., to Change Rates in the Unincorporated Area of the South Texas Division. **SUSPENDED**
- GUD Docket No. 9533** Statement of Intent filed by CenterPoint Energy Entex, a Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., to Change Rates in the Unincorporated Area of the Beaumont/East Texas Division. **SUSPENDED**
- GUD Docket No. 9539** Statement of Intent filed by Atmos Energy Corporation to Change Gas Rates in the Environs of Amarillo, Texas. **SUSPENDED**

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SECTION 1
NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO. -- 9543
CAPTION -- Application filed by Atmos Energy Corporation to Abandon Service and Facilities to One Residential Customer in Wise County, Texas
DATE FILED -- November 1, 2004
FILED BY -- Ellen Weaver
EXAMINER -- Rose Ruiz

DOCKET NO. -- 9544
CAPTION -- Application of Enbridge Pipeline (TX Intrastate) L.P. to Abandon Natural Gas Service to Centerpoint Energy Entex, A Division of Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp.
DATE FILED -- November 1, 2004
FILED BY -- Daniel R. Renner
EXAMINER -- Mark Evarts

DOCKET NO. -- 9545
CAPTION -- Application of Centerpoint Energy Entex a Division of Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., to Abandon Natural Gas Service to Residential Customers in Jim Wells and San Patricio Counties, Texas
DATE FILED -- November 1, 2004
FILED BY -- Daniel R. Renner
EXAMINER -- Mark Evarts

DOCKET NO. -- 9546
CAPTION -- Complaint filed by WTG Gas Marketing, Inc. Against Oasis Pipe Line L.P.
DATE FILED -- November 4, 2004
FILED BY -- Sterling H. Smith
EXAMINER -- Eugene Montes

DOCKET NO. -- 9547
CAPTION -- Application of Reynolds Equipment Company for approval of Odorization Equipment.
DATE FILED -- November 8, 2004
FILED BY -- Becky Chambers-Burge
EXAMINER -- Elaine Moore

DOCKET NO. -- 9548
CAPTION -- Inquiry into the failure of Expro Engineering Inc. to comply with safety Standards.
DATE FILED -- November 8, 2004
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER -- Susan German

DOCKET NO. -- 9549
CAPTION -- Inquiry into the failure of Masters Resources, L.L.C. to comply with safety standards.
DATE FILED -- November 8, 2004
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER -- Lowell Williams

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DOCKET NO. -- 9550
CAPTION -- Inquiry into the failure of Matagorda Operating Company to comply with safety standards.
DATE FILED -- November 8, 2004
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER -- Elaine Moore

DOCKET NO. -- 9551
CAPTION -- Inquiry into the failure of Vista Del Sol Apartments/Victoria to comply with safety standards.
DATE FILED -- November 8, 2004
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER -- Susan German

DOCKET NO. -- 9552
CAPTION -- Inquiry into the failure of Sterling Expl. & Prod. Co., LLC to comply with safety standards.
DATE FILED -- November 8, 2004
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER -- Lowell Williams

DOCKET NO. -- 9553
CAPTION -- Application of Phillips Pipe Line Company and SouthTex 66 Pipeline Company, LTD. to abandon transportation service to Davis Gas Processing, inc. and Luling Gas Plant.
DATE FILED -- November 5, 2004
FILED BY -- W. Timothy George
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 5
ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION**

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

APPLICATION OF SID RICHARDSON GAS PIPELINE, LTD., TO ESTABLISH A CITY GATE RATE FOR THE CITY OF GRANDFALLS, TEXAS §
§
§ **GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9532**
§

SUSPENSION ORDER

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551 (Vernon 1994 and Supp. 2004).

On September 15, 2004, Sid Richardson Gas Pipeline, Ltd. filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to establish a city gate rate for the City of Grandfalls, Texas. Sid Richardson Gas Pipeline, Ltd. has proposed that the rate become effective on November 15, 2004.

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. § 104.107(a)(2) (Vernon 1998 and Supp. 2004). The Commission requires further time to consider the propriety of the proposed rate. A Commission order is necessary to suspend the operation of the proposed rate schedules for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date on which the schedules would otherwise become effective.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS that the rate proposed in the application filed by Sid Richardson Gas Pipeline, Ltd. is hereby **SUSPENDED** for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date the rate would otherwise go into effect.

SIGNED this 4th day of November, 2004.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

/s/
CHAIRMAN VICTOR G. CARRILLO

/s/
COMMISSIONER CHARLES R. MATTHEWS

/s/
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS

ATTEST:

Kim Williamson
SECRETARY

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STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED BY §
 CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX, A §
 DIVISION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY §
 RESOURCES CORP., TO CHANGE RATES § **GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9533**
 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF §
 THE SOUTH TEXAS DIVISION §

SUSPENSION ORDER

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551 (Vernon 1994 and Supp. 2004).

On October 13, 2004, Centerpoint Energy Entex filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) a statement of intent to change rates in the unincorporated areas of its South Texas Division. Ceterpoint Energy Entex has proposed that the rates become effective on November 17, 2004.

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. § 104.107(a)(2) (Vernon 1998 and Supp. 2004). The Commission requires further time to consider the propriety of the proposed rate change. A Commission order is necessary to suspend the operation of the proposed rate schedules for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date on which the schedules would otherwise become effective.

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

SIGNED this 4th day of November, 2004.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

/s/
CHAIRMAN VICTOR G. CARRILLO

/s/
COMMISSIONER CHARLES R. MATTHEWS

/s/
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED BY §
 CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX, A §
 DIVISION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY §
 RESOURCES CORP., TO CHANGE RATES § **GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9534**
 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF §
 THE BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS DIVISION §

SUSPENSION ORDER

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time provided by law pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Chapter 551 (Vernon 1994 and Supp. 2004).

On October 13, 2004, Centerpoint Energy Entex filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) a statement of intent to change rates in the unincorporated areas of its Beaumont/East Texas Division. Ceterpoint Energy Entex has proposed that the rates become effective on November 17, 2004.

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. § 104.107(a)(2) (Vernon 1998 and Supp. 2004). The Commission requires further time to consider the propriety of the proposed rate change. A Commission order is necessary to suspend the operation of the proposed rate schedules for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date on which the schedules would otherwise become effective.

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

SIGNED this 4th day of November, 2004.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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CHAIRMAN VICTOR G. CARRILLO

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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. Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules - \$15.00
2.
 - a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002 – Now available via the Commission’s website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents02.html>
 - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – available via the Commission’s website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents01.html>
 - a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000 - \$17.00 (includes statistical data for 1999)
 - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999 - \$9.00 (includes statistical data for 1998)
 - c. 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 2004 is 6.00%. All gas utilities should use this rate.

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 Fax (512) 475-3180
Ed Abrahamson, Director, Utility Audit Section Shannon Miller, Program Specialist Pearl Rodriguez, Program Specialist Rachel Hampton, Administrative Assistant	

Dallas District- 1546 Rowlett Rd., Suite 107, Garland, Texas 75043	Telephone (972) 240-5757 Fax (972) 303-1897
Yolandra Davis, Auditor Josh Settle, Auditor	

Austin District- P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967	Telephone (512) 463-7022 Fax (512) 475-3180
Stephen Cooper, Senior Auditor	

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Houston District- 1706 Seamist Drive. Suite 501, Houston, TX 77008-3135

Telephone (713) 869-8425

Fax (713) 869-3219

Margie Stoney, Senior Auditor

Larry Alcorn, Auditor

Bryan L. Sparkman, Auditor

Konata Uzoma, Auditor

B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports

Questions relating to gas utility tax, annual reports and 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
William O. Geise, Director

Telephone (512) 463-7164

B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin

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

C. Proposals For Decision

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gsap/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) 463-7164.

E. Curtailments

Curtailment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7164. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7164. 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. 9253 New Rule for Relocation Cost Recovery Factor

GUD No. 9275 Amendments to §7.512 NGPA Section 311 Rate Review

GUD No. 9276 Amendments to §7.511 TUC Section 102.054 Sale, Transfer, Merger Reviews

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GUD No. 9277 Amendments to §7.305 Curtailment Rule

GUD No. 9449 Amendments to §7.45 Quality of Service

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.