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GAS SERVICES DIVISION**

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Orders were issued in the following dockets:

None at this time.

SECTION 1
NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO. -- 9481
CAPTION -- Request by TXU Gas Company for a Waiver of the Commission's Order in GUD No. 8976, Relating to the Filing of Two Annual Reports for the Calendar Year 2003.
DATE FILED -- February 6, 2004
FILED BY -- Autry L. Warren
EXAMINER -- Edward Abrahamson

DOCKET NO. -- 9482
CAPTION -- Application of CenterPoint Energy Entex for Approval of Abandonment of Service to Residential Customers in Panola County, TX.
DATE FILED -- February 18, 2004
FILED BY -- Robert M. Blunt IV
EXAMINER -- Robby Abarca

DOCKET NO. -- 9483
CAPTION -- Application of CenterPoint Energy Entex for Approval of Abandonment of Service to Residential Customers in Wood County and Marion County, Texas.
DATE FILED -- February 18, 2004
FILED BY -- Robert M. Blunt IV
EXAMINER -- Robby Abarca

SECTION 2
APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

DOCKET NO. -- 9466
CAPTION -- Application of TGS Rio, L.L.C. for Review of the Purchase of Pipeline Systems From GulfTerra Texas Pipeline, L.P.
EXAMINER -- Gene Montes
DATE & TIME -- Monday, March 8, 2004
PLACE -- William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, TX.

SECTION 3
STATUS OF PENDING CASES

None at the time.

SECTION 4
NOTICES OF DISMISSAL

None at this time.

SECTION 5
ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

None at this time.

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/g/tablecontents02.html>
 - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – available via the Commission’s website at:
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/g/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/g/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 2003 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
Ed Abrahamson, Assistant Director

Dallas District- 1546 Rowlett Rd., Suite 107, Garland, Texas 75043 Telephone (972) 240-5757;
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Fax (713)869-3219

Dale Francis, Auditor
Margie Stoney, Auditor

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Larry Alcorn, Auditor

B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports

Questions relating to gas utility tax, annual reports and audit reports, call Shannon L. Miller at (512) 463-7022.

C. Available Information

Copies of company annual reports (1994 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/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

Curtilment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7164. Curtilment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7164. Curtilment 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 Jackie Standard 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. 9221 Amendments to Quality of Service Rules

GUD No. 9253 New Rule for Relocation Cost Recovery Factor

GUD No. 9257 Amendments to §7.450 Gas Distribution in Mobile Home Parks, Apartment Houses and Apartment Units.

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

GUD No. 9277 Amendments to §7.305 Curtailment Rule

GUD No. 9303 Amendments to §7.465 Abandonment Rule

GUD No. 9334 Amendments to §7.310 System of Accounts

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.