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SECTION 1: NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO.: 10991

CAPTION Inquiry into the Failure of City of Sabinal to Comply with Safety Standards.

DATE FILED -- 07/24/2020

FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion

EXAMINER --TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10992

CAPTION Inquiry into the Failure of Greenville Garden Apartments to Comply with Safety

Standards.

DATE FILED -- 07/24/2020

FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion

EXAMINER -- **TECHNICAL** --

DOCKET NO.: 10993

CAPTION Inquiry into the Failure of Markwest Javelina P/L CO, L.L.C. to Comply with

Safety Standards.

DATE FILED -- 07/28/2020

FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion

EXAMINER --

TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10994

CAPTION Inquiry into the Failure of Energy Transfer Company to Comply with Safety

Standards.

DATE FILED -- 07/28/2020

FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion

EXAMINER --

TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10995

CAPTION Inquiry into the Failure of Occidental Permian LTD. to Comply with Safety

Standards.

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EXAMINER --

TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10996

CAPTION Inquiry into the Failure of Boardwalk Field Services, LLC to Comply with Safety

Standards.

DATE FILED -- 07/28/2020

FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion

EXAMINER --

TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10997

CAPTION Rate Case Expenses severed from GUD No. 10988, Statement of Intent of EPCOR

Gas Texas, Inc., to Change Gas Utility Rates Within the Unincorporated Areas of Austin, Colorado, Grimes, Harris, Montgomery, and Waller Counties, Texas

DATE FILED -- 07/29/2020

FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion

EXAMINER -- Dee Marlo Chico

TECHNICAL -- Rose Ruiz

SECTION 2: APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2020

SECTION 3: STATUS OF PENDING CASES

None currently.

SECTION 4: NOTICES OF DISMISSAL

None currently.

SECTION 5: ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

None currently.

SECTION 6: MISCELLANEOUS

A. Gas Services Department Publications and Statistics

- 1. Gas Utilities Information Bulletins available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/gas-utilities-information-bulletins/.
- 2. Rate Review Handbook available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/media/41964/rate-review-handbook-2017.pdf.
- 3. Gas Utilities Annual Statistics available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/2017-gas-utility-annual-statistical-reports/.
- 4. Gas Storage Statistics available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/.
- 5. Six MCF Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Texas Cities available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/six-mcf-report/.

B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits

1. We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission of Texas that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2018 is 0.91%. All gas utilities should use 0.42% for the calendar year 2017 and 0.11% for calendar year 2016. This information can be found at: https://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/electric/reports/HRates/HistRates.pdf

C. Contact Information

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D. Audit Forms

- 1. Gas Utility Tax and Annual Forms available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/forms/.
- Copies of Gas Utility Annual Reports available on Neubus at: https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php? module =esd&_action_=keysearch&profile=13.
- 3. Information relating to any of the above, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Department, 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 ten business days for completion of requests.
- 4. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022 or fax your request to 512-475-3180.

E. Market Oversight Section Forms

- 1. Annual Earnings and Monitoring Report available at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/6085/annualearningsmonitoringreport.pdf
- 2. Interim Cost Recovery and Rate Adjustment Report available at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/6084/newinfrastructure.pdf.

F. Gas Utility Docket Information

- 1. Orders and Proposals for Decision published on the Commission's web site at: http://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/dockets/gas-utility-dockets/
- 2. Gas Utility Dockets available on Neubus at https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php?_module_=esd&_action_=keysearch&profile=14.

G. Natural Gas Tariff Filings

- 1. Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Andrea Maxwell, Janet Sims, Sheila Mendoza or Virgie Frausto at (512) 463-7167.
- 2. Natural Gas Tariffs and Rate Schedules available at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/natural-gas-tariffs-and-rate-schedules/.

H. Common Carrier Pipeline Tariff Filings

- 1. Questions pertaining to the filing of common carrier pipeline tariffs should be directed to Sheila Mendoza at 512-463-7023.
- 2. Common Carrier Pipeline Tariffs available at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/common-carrier-pipeline-tariffs/.

I. Propane Distribution Systems

1. Propane distribution price cap information is available at: http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/propane-distribution-systems/.

J. Curtailment Plan (Gas Utility Docket 489)

- 1. Curtailment questions should be referred to 512-463-7167 or by email at naturalgascurtailment@rrc.texas.gov.
- 2. Curtailment reports made during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to 512-463-7167.
- 3. Curtailment reports made after hours or during holidays, should be made to 512-463-6788.

K. Compliance Filings

1. Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Christina Poole at 512-463-7167 or by email at GUD_Compliance@rrc.texas.gov.

L. Complaints and Inquiries

- 1. Residential and Commercial Propane and Natural Gas Complaints should be made at GasComplaints@rrc.texas.gov or by phone at 512-463-7167.
- 2. Informal Gas Purchasing, Selling, Transportation or Gathering Practice Complaints should be submitted online at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/complaint-filing/informal-gas-transportation-purchase-complaint-preliminary-information-online-form/ or at 512-463-7167.
- 3. Informal Complaint Preliminary Information form available at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/5671/informal-complaint-preliminary-information.pdf.

M. Non-Submetered Master Meter Disconnections

Municipalities wishing to opt in receiving notice from utilities when non-submetered master
metered multifamily property is subject to disconnection of service due to non-payment can
do so at http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/non-submetered-master-meterdisconnections/.

N. Texas Utilities Codes

1. Available through the State of Texas website at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us.

O. Texas Administrative Codes

1. Available at the State of Texas website at: http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7">http://texreg.state.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.tx.us/public/readtac.t

P. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations

1. Pending rules and regulations available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/general-counsel/rules/.

Q. Proposed Form Amendments (PFD):

1. PFDs available at http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/about-us/resource-center/forms/proposed-form-changes/.

R. Hearings and Legal Analysis

1. Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the General Counsel Division at 512-463-7149.

S. Status of Pending Cases

1. 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 General Counsel Division at 512-463-7149.