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SECTION 1

NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO. -- **10612**
CAPTION -- Application of Texas Gas Service Company for Test Year 2016 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the Unincorporated Areas of the West Texas Service Area.
DATE FILED -- 03/15/2017
FILED BY -- Janet Buchanan
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Amy Bruce

DOCKET NO. -- **10613**
CAPTION -- DCP Hinshaw Pipeline, LLC to Report a Lease with DCP Intrastate Network, LLC.
DATE FILED -- 03/20/2017
FILED BY -- Tyler J. Culbertson
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Amy Bruce

DOCKET NO. -- **10614**
CAPTION -- Application of Hughes Natural Gas, Inc. for Test Year 2016 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment Program for the Environs Area.
DATE FILED -- 03/20/2017
FILED BY -- Real Provencher
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Amy Bruce

DOCKET NO. -- **10615**
CAPTION -- Application filed by Atmos Pipeline - Texas for Approval of Abandonment to Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division related to Service and Facilities in McLennan County.
DATE FILED -- 03/23/2017
FILED BY -- Kodey Jolly
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Sarah Montoya-Foglesong

DOCKET NO. -- **10616**
CAPTION -- Application filed by Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division for Approval of Abandonment of Service and Facilities to 8 active Residential Customers and 2 inactive Residential Customers in McLennan County.
DATE FILED -- 03/23/2017
FILED BY -- Kodey Jolly
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Sarah Montoya-Foglesong

DOCKET NO. -- **10617**
CAPTION -- Statement of Intent filed by Onalaska Water & Gas Supply Corporation to Change Rates in the Environs of the City of Onalaska.
DATE FILED -- 03/24/2017
FILED BY -- Karl J. Nalepa
EXAMINER -- Dana Lewis
TECHNICAL -- James Currier

DOCKET NO. -- **10618**
CAPTION -- Application of Centerpoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2016 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment Program for the Environs of the South Texas Division and the Cities of Beeville, Eagle Lake, El Campo, Floresville, Goliad, Hallettsville, Kenedy, New Braunfels, Nordheim, Palacios, Pleasanton, San Diego, San Marcos, Schertz, Seguin, Selma, Sinton and Weimar, which have

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Ceded Jurisdiction to the Commission pursuant to GURA Section 103.003.

DATE FILED -- 03/30/2017
FILED BY -- Thomas J. Stephen
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Sarah Montoya-Foglesong

DOCKET NO. -- **10619**
CAPTION -- Application of Centerpoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2016 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment Program for the Environs of the Beaumont/East Texas Division and the Cities of Ames, Avinger, Center, China, Colmesneil, Crockett, Daingerfield, Dayton, Diboll, Elkhart, Gilmer, Grapeland, Groveton, Hideaway, Hudson, Jasper, Kirbyville, Latexo, Lovelady, Lumberton, Maud, Nacogdoches, Pinehurst, Rose City, San Augustine, Shepherd, Tenaha, Timpson, Trinity, Vidor and West Orange, which have Ceded Jurisdiction to the Commission pursuant to GURA Section 103.003.

DATE FILED -- 03/30/2017
FILED BY -- Thomas J. Stephen
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Christina Poole

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SECTION 2

APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

[Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2017](#)

SECTION 3

STATUS OF PENDING CASES

None at this time.

SECTION 4

NOTICES OF DISMISSAL

None at this time.

SECTION 5

ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

SECTION 6

MISCELLANEOUS

Kari French, OVERSIGHT AND SAFETY 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://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)

2. Annual Report for Fiscal Year – Now available via the Commission's website at:

<http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/2016-statistical-reports/>

3. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - Now available via the Commission's website at:

<http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/six-mcf-report/>

B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits

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We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2017 is 0.42%. All gas utilities should use 0.11% for the calendar year 2016 and 0.07% for calendar year 2015.

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

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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

Gas Utility Annual Reports - Now available via Commission's website at:

https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php?_module=_esd&_action=_keysearch&profile=13

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 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.

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.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/gas-utilities-information-bulletins/>

C. Proposals For Decision

Published on the Commission's web site at:

<http://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/dockets/gas-utility-dockets/>

D. Tariff Filings

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Claudia Godoy, Yolanda Lovelace, Andrea Matamoros or Virgie Frausto at (512) 463-7167.

E. Curtailments

Curtailment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7167 or by email at naturalgascurtailment@rrc.texas.gov. 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 Christina Poole at (512) 463-7167 or by email at GUD_Compliance@rrc.texas.gov.

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:**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.