

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	Application No. NG-113/PI-241
Commission, on its own motion,	)	
seeking to investigate whether	)	
jurisdictional utilities should	)	ORDER OPENING DOCKET, SETTING
add a tariff provision	)	WORKSHOP AND NOTICE OF
addressing customer requests	)	ASSESSMENT
for voluntary removal or	)	
relocation of natural gas	)	
facilities.	)	Entered: May 24, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"), on its own motion, opens this docket for the purpose of gathering information to investigate whether jurisdictional utilities should add a tariff provision addressing recovering costs directly from customers requesting voluntary removals or relocation of natural gas facilities.

The Commission is given full power, authority, and jurisdiction by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1804(1) to regulate natural gas public utilities and may do all things necessary and convenient for the exercise of such power, authority, and jurisdiction. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1804(2) further states, the State Natural Gas Regulation Act and all grants of power, authority, and jurisdiction in the act made to the Commission shall be liberally construed, and all incidental powers necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the act are expressly granted to and conferred upon the Commission. Accordingly, pursuant to the Commission's powers, authority, and jurisdiction, and such other authority as may become relevant during the course of this inquiry, the Commission is initiating this docket to investigate whether the costs of customer requested voluntary removals and relocations should be directly recovered from the requesting customer and/or included in the jurisdictional utilities tariff provisions.

In order to facilitate this investigation, the Commission is hereby scheduling a workshop to be held on **July 27, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The workshop will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and via webconference, available at <http://psc.nebraska.gov/stream>. An agenda will be posted to the Commission website prior to the workshop date.

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If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the workshop, or if any party would like to participate telephonically, please notify the Commission **at least one week prior to the workshop**. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

For the purposes of facilitating discussion, the Commission seeks to review the following issues at the public workshop:

1. Is there a current mechanism in place for jurisdictional utilities to assess costs to customers who voluntarily request the removal and/or relocation of natural gas facilities?
2. If the answer to #1 is no, how does the utility handle the costs of removals and relocations requested by customers?
3. How often does a customer voluntarily request a jurisdictional utility to remove or relocate their natural gas facilities?
4. Would a tariff provision allowing the cost of voluntary removals or relocations of natural gas facilities to be recovered directly from the requesting customers be beneficial to the system and customers of the utilities?
5. If the answer to #4 is yes, how should the cost recovery be structured? Should the cost be determined on a case-by-case basis similar to installations, or by a flat fee? Should the cost be assessed entirely to customers, or should a portion of the costs be absorbed by the jurisdictional utility?
6. Is there any other information the Commission and other interested parties should consider in their review of this issue? If so, please provide an explanation and supporting documentation.

Written comments and supporting documentation regarding the above issues will be due to the Commission on or before **July 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time**. These items, as well as any other filings in this docket, should be submitted electronically to psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov.

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Furthermore, the Commission finds that it may be necessary to assess certain expenses associated with this docket to the applicable jurisdictional utilities. The Commission hereby provides notice to the utilities, as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840, that expenses may be assessed.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a public workshop shall be scheduled on **Wednesday, July 27, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Central Time**, in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and via webconference, available at <http://psc.nebraska.gov/stream>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that written comments and supporting documentation will be due from all interested parties, and must be submitted on or before **July 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of May, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rod Johnson
Mary Keddin
Tim Schram

Don Watson
Chair

ATTEST:

Thomas W. Golden
Executive Director