

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)
Kinder Morgan, Inc., Lakewood, Colo-)
rado, seeking approval of a general)
rate increase.)
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) Entered: October 4, 2006

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On June 2, 2006, Kinder Morgan, Inc. (Kinder Morgan) filed an application seeking approval of a general rate increase. The Public Advocate and the Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) have formally intervened. Aquila Energy, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila) has informally intervened.

The Commission has received a significant number of telephone calls, emails and written statements from consumers in opposition to Kinder Morgan's application and interim rates. Issues have been raised regarding how these consumer complaints and inquiries should be handled within this proceeding.

The Hearing Officer finds that it should set a workshop in this matter for **October 10, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The issues to be addressed may include, but not be limited to, whether the consumer contacts ought to be made part of the record in the rate case; whether the contacts are prohibited ex parte; and whether consumers will be permitted to testify or address the Commission at the hearing on this matter.

A telephone bridge has been provided. Parties wishing to participate telephonically should call (402) 472-6290.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned matter that a workshop is set for **October 10, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska to address issues outlined herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a telephone bridge has been provided. Parties wishing to participate telephonically shall call (402) 472-6290.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 4th day of October, 2006.

BY:

HEARING OFFICER