

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application    ) Application No. NG-0067  
of SourceGas Distribution LLC,        )  
Lakewood, Colorado, seeking         )  
approval of a general rate            ) ORDER APPROVING REFUND PLAN  
increase.                                )  
  )  
  ) Entered: August 7`, 2012  
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BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 30, 2011, SourceGas Distribution LLC (SourceGas) filed an application seeking approval of a general rate increase. On May 22, 2012, the Commission entered a final order granting the application, in part. Pursuant to the final order, SourceGas filed a refund plan on June 22, 2012.

Hearing on the refund plan was held on July 31, 2012. Steve Bruckner and Eric Nelson appeared on behalf of SourceGas. Roger Cox and Jack Shultz appeared on behalf of the Public Advocate. Angela Melton and Laura Demman appeared on behalf of the Commission.

E V I D E N C E

Mr. Jerrod Hammer, senior manager in the regulatory department of SourceGas, testified in support of the refund plan. Mr. Hammer stated that the refund plan is the same as previously submitted by SourceGas and approved by the Commission. Mr. Hammer provided updated data reflecting June and July billings. The final refund amounts will not be known until refunds are actually made in September.

The Public Advocate did not present a witness or offer any objections to the refund plan as proposed.

F I N D I N G S    A N D    C O N C L U S I O N

Jurisdictional utilities have the right pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act (the Act), to implement interim rates pending the resolution of their general rate applications.<sup>1</sup> "If the rate filing is not certified by the commission for negotiations, the jurisdictional utility's filed rates may be placed into effect as interim rates, subject to refund, upon the adoption of final rates, ninety days after filing with the commission."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 66-1801 et seq. (2010 Supp.).

<sup>2</sup> Sec. 66-1838(10)(b).

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Based upon the evidence presented, the Commission finds that the refund plan should be approved. Furthermore, the Commission finds that SourceGas shall file updated schedules showing the actual amounts refunded based upon customer class.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the refund plan filed by SourceGas is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty (30) days of making final refunds, SourceGas shall file updated schedules showing the actual amounts refunded based upon customer class.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 7th day of August, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Tim Schram*  
*Aune Boef*  
*Sheld #142*

//s// Rod Johnson

Chairman

*Rod Johnson*

ATTEST:

*Sheld #142*

Executive Director