

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of) Application No. NG-0078.2
SourceGas Distribution LLC,)
Golden, Colorado, seeking an order) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER
authorizing it to increase the) AND NOTICE OF HEARING
System Safety and Integrity Rider)
Charge.) Entered: November 17, 2015

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On October 2, 2015, SourceGas Distribution LLC, (SourceGas) of Golden, Colorado, filed an Application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking an order authorizing it to increase the System Safety and Integrity Rider Charge. Petitions for Formal Intervention were granted to the Public Advocate (PA) and the Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE).

A planning conference was held in the above-captioned docket on November 16, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. CST in the Commission Conference Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, and via telephone conference. The following persons were present at the conference: for the Commission, Commissioner Rod Johnson, Nichole Mulcahy, Interim Director of the Natural Gas Department, and Jamie Reyes, Legal Counsel. Participating via telephone: for SourceGas, Stephen M. Bruckner of Fraser Stryker PC LLO, Susan Bailey and Jerrad Hammer; William F. Austin of Baylor, Evnen, et al for the PA; and for ACE, Chris M. Dibbern.

As a result of the planning conference, several issues were decided. Therefore, this order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a timeline for proceeding in this docket.

Service

Parties may meet filing deadlines outlined herein by sending an electronic copy of the filing via electronic mail to rose.price@nebraska.gov, so long as all parties are served via electronic mail contemporaneously with the email filing and a hard copy is received by the Commission within three (3) days of the email filing.

Discovery

All discovery responses are due within ten (10) days of service, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. Any discovery request served after 3:00 p.m. shall be considered filed the following day for purposes of calculating response time. Parties should reference Nebraska Discovery Rules for general guidance as to the conduct of discovery. Should this order con-

flict with any provision of the Nebraska Discovery Rules, this order controls. Parties should make efforts to resolve any discovery disputes.

All parties should provide a courtesy copy of any discovery requests and responses to the Department. Such discovery requests and responses shall not be part of the official record unless offered and accepted as exhibits during the hearing on the application. If using electronic mail, parties should send to rose.price@nebraska.gov.

Deadlines

Deadlines for various events were established and are set forth in Appendix A.

Settlement

All parties are encouraged to cooperate and engage in negotiations; however, the conduct of negotiations does not relieve the parties of their obligation to meet filing deadlines. Parties need not identify in settlement agreements specific dollar values attached to specific issues.

Hearing

A Hearing in Docket No. NG-0078.2 will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska beginning on **Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. CST.**

Hearing Fee/Accommodations

The Applicant will arrange for a court reporter for the hearing on this matter and an expedited transcript will be provided. Therefore, the hearing fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each half-day should be waived consistent with Commission policy.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. 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.

APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Date	Event
Oct. 2, 2015	Application Filed.
Nov. 16	Final date for discovery requests to be served by Public Advocate, Intervenors and Commission Staff on Applicant.
Ten (10) days after service of final discovery requests (This is actually Thanksgiving Day, so I am proposing Nov. 30).	All discovery responses from Applicant due to Public Advocate, Intervenors and Commission Staff.
Dec. 1	Public Advocate to file report on proposed SSIR.
Dec. 8	Applicant to file response to report.
Dec. 16	Hearing (10:00 a.m.).
Jan. 26, 2016	Last Grist for Order to be entered.
Feb. 1, 2016	Proposed Effective Date of SSIR.

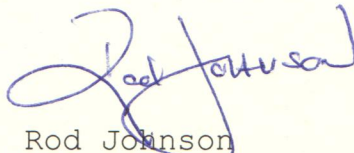
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that hearing on this matter will commence on **Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. CST** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 the Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 17th day of November, 2015.

BY:



Rod Johnson
HEARING OFFICER