

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. NG-0079  
of SourceGas Distribution LLC, )  
Golden Colorado, seeking ) HEARING OFFICER ORDER  
authority to reflect changed ) SETTING PROGRESSION  
depreciation rates on its ) SCHEDULE AND HEARING  
Nebraska Books of Account )  
effective May 1, 2014, without )  
impacting existing rates. ) Entered: June 16, 2014

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On May 1, 2014, SourceGas Distribution LLC (SourceGas), Golden, Colorado, filed an application seeking authority to reflect changed depreciation rates on its Nebraska Books of Account effective May 1, 2014, without impacting existing rates.

A Petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Public Advocate on May 15, 2014. In order to process this filing, a planning conference was held on June 13, 2014 in conjunction with the planning conference for Docket No. NG-0078. The Hearing Officer finds that the following shall be adopted for purposes of this application.

**General Instructions and Deadlines**

A. General Instructions. All evidence to be offered at hearing, objections thereto, and responses to those objections shall be filed by the dates set forth herein. A party offering exhibits as evidence at the hearing shall provide a copy to the court reporter. All prefiled exhibits must be numbered. All pages of each exhibit shall be numbered. Parties are encouraged to limit objections and to enter into stipulations in order to facilitate the presentation of evidence and completion of this proceeding.

B. Objections. All objections to prefiled evidence shall specifically and succinctly identify the testimony or exhibit to which the objection is directed and the specific objection raised regarding each exhibit. Failure to comply with the deadlines for objections will result in waiver of the objections.

C. Service. An official updated service list for this matter is attached as Exhibit A. Service may be accomplished through electronic mail. Parties are responsible for maintaining an accurate service list. All parties should provide an electronic copy of any discovery requests and responses via electronic mail or cd rom to the Department. However, such discovery requests and responses shall not be filed with the Commission. 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.

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.

D. Discovery. All discovery responses are due within ten (10) days of service, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. Applicant has stated that it will schedule a conference with the Public Advocate to discuss information that may be provided in a shorter time frame.

Parties should reference Nebraska Discovery Rules for general guidance as to the conduct of discovery. Should this order conflict with any provision of the Nebraska Discovery Rules, this order controls. Parties should make efforts to resolve any discovery disputes.

E. Exhibits and Witnesses. Parties shall file an exhibit list. All exhibits shall be appropriately marked and each page of the exhibit numbered prior to the hearing. Any party seeking to request administrative notice of any document shall provide copies of said materials at the time of the hearing.

E. Deadlines. Due to the fact that the Applications in Docket Nos. NG-0078 and NG-0079 will likely require evidence from overlapping witnesses and for the sake of administrative efficiency, the hearing officer intends to hold the hearing on this matter immediately following the hearing on Docket No. NG-0079 and establish a similar procedural schedules for each docket. The following schedule was agreed to by all Parties.

Date	Event
5/1/2014	Application Filed
7/11/2014	Testimony, exhibit lists, exhibits, and witness lists to be filed by Applicant.

7/21/2014	Final date for discovery requests to be served by Public Advocate, Intervenors and Commission Staff on Applicant
10 days after service of final discovery requests	All discovery responses from Applicant due to Public Advocate, Intervenors and Commission Staff.
8/21/2014	Public Advocate and Intervenors to file testimony, exhibit lists, exhibits, and witness lists
9/11/2014	Applicant to file rebuttal testimony and exhibits.
10/6/2014	Hearing (10:00 a.m.)(Held immediately following Hearing on Docket No. NG-0078)
10/28/2014	Order to be entered

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

Hearing on this matter will take place commencing on **October 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

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.

#### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the deadlines and requirements set forth herein are hereby adopted in the above-captioned matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant provide the court reporter for the hearing on this matter. Therefore, the hearing fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each half-day shall be waived consistent with Commission policy.

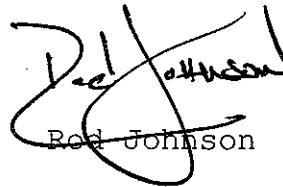
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IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that hearing on this matter will take place commencing on **October 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 16th day of June, 2014.

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