

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. NG-0088
of SourceGas Distribution, LLC,)
Golden, Colorado, seeking)
Approval of the Regulatory) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER AND
Treatment of the Net Buyout) NOTICE OF HEARING
Costs of Two Gas Supply-Related)
Contracts, the Costs Associated)
with Financing the Buyout Costs,)
and Other Specified Relief.) Entered: February 5, 2016

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On December 14, 2015, SourceGas Distribution, LLC ("SourceGas" or "Applicant"), of Golden, Colorado, filed an Application seeking Approval of the Regulatory Treatment of the Net Buyout Costs of Two Gas Supply-Related Contracts, the Costs Associated with Financing the Buyout Costs, and Other Specified Relief. Petitions for Formal Intervention were granted to the Public Advocate ("PA") and the Alliance for Community Energy ("ACE").

A planning conference was held in the above-captioned docket on February 4, 2016, via telephone conference. The following persons were present at the Commission: Commissioner Gerald Vap, Ms. Nichole Mulcahy, Interim Director of the Natural Gas Department, and Ms. Jamie Reyes, Legal Counsel. Participating via telephone: Mr. Stephen M. Bruckner and Mr. Eric W. Nelsen for SourceGas; Mr. William F. Austin and Mr. Colin A. Mues for the PA; and Ms. Chris M. Dibbern for ACE. Ms. Donna Mullinax of Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc. also participated as the consultant for the PA.

Several issues were decided as a result of the planning conference. 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 conflict 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

All procedural deadlines have been established and 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 on this docket will be held on **Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. CDT** and continuing, if necessary, on **Thursday, April 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Applicant will arrange for a court reporter for the hearing 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.

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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 established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that hearing on this matter will commence on **Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. CDT** and continuing if necessary on **Thursday, April 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 the Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of February, 2016.

BY:



Gerald L. Vap
HEARING OFFICER

APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Date	Event
Dec. 14, 2015	Application Filed
Jan. 19, 2016	Intervention Deadline
Jan. 19 - Feb. 29, 2016	Discovery Requests by Public Advocate and Formal Intervenor Filed
March 4, 2016	All Responses to Discovery Received
March 14, 2016	Testimony of Public Advocate and Formal Intervenor Filed
March 14 - March 23, 2016	Discovery Requests by Applicant Filed
Ten (10) Days After Service of Final Discovery Requests	All Responses to Discovery Received
March 24, 2016	Rebuttal Testimony of Applicant Filed
April 1, 2016	Filing of Hearing Exhibits/List of Issues/Settlement
April 5, 2016	Pre-Hearing Conference (If Necessary)
April 6 and 7, 2016	Hearing Beginning at 10:00 a.m. (April 7 only if necessary)
April 26, 2016	Proposed Target Date for Commission Order