

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. P-0003
of Peoples Natural Gas, Omaha,)
Nebraska seeking resolution of a) PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE
dispute under Nebraska Revised) ORDER
Statute Section 57-1306.)
) Entered: February 6, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On December 12, 2000, an application was filed by Peoples Natural Gas (Applicant) of Omaha, Nebraska, seeking resolution of a dispute pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 57-1302 to 57-1307 (1999 Supp.) and Title 291, Chapter 9 of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Pipeline Carriers Rules and Regulations. In conjunction with its application, the applicant also filed a Motion to Expedite Hearing.

In order to process the application and rule on the Motion to Expedite Hearing, the Commission held a pre-hearing conference in this matter on January 16, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

As a result of the pre-hearing conference, several issues were decided. Therefore, this order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a time-line for proceeding in this docket.

After discussion and upon agreement of the parties, the Motion to Expedite Hearing in this matter was withdrawn.

Furthermore, the parties agreed to the following deadlines for submission and service for the respective items. Parties are encouraged to submit copies to the Commission and serve the opposing parties with said documents prior to the actual deadline.

February 7, 2001 - Answers to interrogatories and
 responses to requests for production
 are due.

February 21, 2001 - All discovery completed.
 Final witness list exchanged.

February 28, 2001 - Any stipulations and exhibits will
 be exchanged by the parties and filed
 with the Commission.

Finally, the hearing in this matter will be held on March 8, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sarpy County Courthouse, Sarpy County Board Room, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, Nebraska.

Any remaining pre-hearing issues that the parties would like to address should be brought before the Commission prior to hearing.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the foregoing schedule for submission and service of the items discussed above is hereby adopted.

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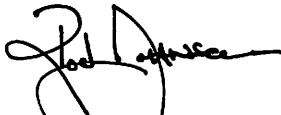
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the foregoing schedule for submission and service of the items discussed above is hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing in this matter will be held on March 8, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sarpy County Courthouse, Sarpy County Board Room, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, Nebraska.

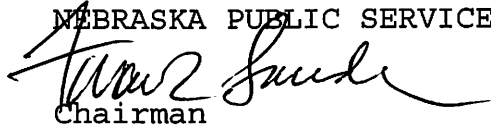
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of February, 2001.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director