

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	Application Nos. P-0004
Application of Peoples Natural)	P-0005
Gas, Omaha, Nebraska, seeking)	
resolution of a dispute under)	
<u>Neb. Rev. Stat. § 57-1306.</u>)	
)	
and)	PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE ORDER
)	
In the Matter of the)	
Application of Metropolitan)	
Utilities District of Omaha)	
seeking resolution of a dispute)	
under <u>Neb. Rev. Stat. § 57-</u>)	
1306.)	ENTERED: March 4, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 21, 2001, an application was filed by Peoples Natural Gas (Peoples) 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 Rule and Regulations (P-0004). On January 25, 2002, an application was filed by Metropolitan Utilities District (M.U.D.) 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 Rule and Regulations (P-0005). P-0004 and P-0005 are referred to herein collectively as "Applications."

In order to process the applications, the Commission held a pre-hearing conference in these matters on March 4, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

Pursuant to Peoples' Motion for Extension of Deadline and Consolidation and discussion on the issues at the pre-hearing conference, the applications will be subject to the following deadlines for submission and service of 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.

Deadline	Event
March 1, 2002	All written discovery served. No further written discovery between the parties shall take place after this date.
March 15, 2002	Answers to Interrogatories and Responses to Requests for Production and Responses to Requests for Admissions are due. Preliminary witness lists exchanged by the parties and filed with the Commission.
March 29, 2002	All depositions completed; final witness lists exchanged by the parties and filed with the Commission.
April 5, 2002	Any stipulations and exhibits (including demonstrative exhibits) will be exchanged by the parties and filed with the Commission.

Finally, the hearing in Application No. P-0004 will be held on April 12, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sarpy County Courthouse, Sarpy County Board Room, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, Nebraska. The hearing in Application No. P-0005 will be held on April 12, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sarpy County Courthouse, Sarpy County Board Room, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, Nebraska.

Following the hearing, parties should submit proposed orders within seven days from the date the transcript is delivered to the parties.

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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O R D E R

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 Application No. P-0004 will be held on April 12, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sarpy County Courthouse, Sarpy County Board Room, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, Nebraska, and that a hearing in Application No. P-0005 will be held on April 12, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. at the same location.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of March, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Anne C. Boyle
//s//Frank E. Landis


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director