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# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## HEARINGS DIVISION

August 29, 2024

The Honorable Hoppy Haden  
Caldwell County Judge  
110 S. Main Street, Room 101  
Lockhart, Texas 78644

**RE: OS-24-00017471**, *Statement of Intent of Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc., to Change Gas Utility Rates Within the Unincorporated Areas of the Central-Gulf Service Area*

Dear Judge Haden:

Enclosed is the Notice of Hearing for the above-referenced gas utility docket at the Railroad Commission of Texas. This Notice of Hearing was issued on August 28, 2024, and is being provided to you, as governing body of an affected county, in accordance with the Texas Utilities Code.<sup>1</sup>

**Contact for Additional Information** – *In accordance with Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.061 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.6, ex parte communications with the Administrative Law Judges, Examiners, and Commissioners are prohibited. Any persons or entities desiring additional information may contact the Commission by writing to the Director, Hearings Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, and Austin, Texas 78711-2967. Any persons or entities having clerical questions, such as questions regarding the number of copies of filings, the service list or reviewing the record, may contact Docket Services, at (512) 463-6848.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dodson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Dodson  
Administrative Law Judge

Enclosure

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<sup>1</sup> See Tex. Util. Code § 104.105(c) ("The regulatory body shall give reasonable notice of the hearing, including notice to the governing body of each affected municipality and county.").

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<b>STATEMENT OF INTENT OF TEXAS</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>OF ONE GAS, INC., TO CHANGE</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OS-24-00017471</b>
<b>GAS UTILITY RATES WITHIN THE</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>CENTRAL-GULF SERVICE AREA</b>	<b>§</b>	

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

***Summary of the Proceeding and Factual Matters Asserted.*** On June 3, 2024, Texas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONE Gas, Inc. (“TGS”), filed with the Commission a statement of intent to change gas utility rates within the unincorporated areas of its Central-Gulf Service Area (the “SOI”). The SOI was docketed as OS-24-00017471. In its SOI, TGS requests that the Commission approve a schedule of rates for customers consistent with those proposed in its SOI, along with other related relief, and also approve recovery by TGS of its reasonable rate case expenses associated with this docket.

Subsequently, the presiding Administrative Law Judge severed the consideration of rate case expense amounts associated with the SOI into a separate docket, OS-24-00017803, to be adjudicated separately and on a different procedural track from this docket.

***Intervening Parties.*** Three parties intervened and participated throughout this docket—Staff of the Railroad Commission (“Commission Staff”), who intervened “to assert its interest in assuring that the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas, together with the appropriate statutes, have been followed,” along with two separate coalitions of municipalities: Cities Served by Texas Gas Service Company (“TGS Cities”); and Steering Committee of Cities (“SCC”).

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** a public hearing will be held, at the time and place set out below, to consider all issues of fact and law raised in—or relevant to—TGS’s requested relief. The scope of the hearing may be limited to a partial or total settlement by the parties, if applicable, and may include the consideration of recovery by the parties of their associated rate case expenses, as well as any appeals of related municipal actions.

***Legal Authority and Jurisdiction.*** The Commission has, or may have, jurisdiction over TGS and the matters at issue in this proceeding pursuant to Texas Utilities Code Sections 102.001 (Railroad Commission Jurisdiction), 103.003 (Surrender of Municipal Jurisdiction to Railroad Commission; Reinstatement of Jurisdiction), 103.051 (Appeal by Party), 103.052 (Appeal by Residents), 103.053 (Appeal by Ratepayers Outside Municipality), and 104.001 (Authorization to Establish and Regulate Rates).

The presiding Administrative Law Judge shall conduct the hearing pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 2001 (Administrative Procedure) of the Texas Government Code, and pursuant to Title 16, Part 1 (Railroad Commission of Texas), of the Texas Administrative Code.

***Particular Statutes and Rules Involved.*** The statutes and rules applicable to this proceeding may include the following:

1. Title 3 (Gas Regulation) of the Texas Utilities Code, including Chapters 101 (General Provisions and Office of Public Utility Counsel), 102 (Jurisdiction and Powers of Railroad Commission and Other Regulatory Authorities), 103 (Jurisdiction and Powers of Municipality), and 104 (Rates and Services);
2. Title 16, Part 1 (Railroad Commission of Texas), of the Texas Administrative Code, including Chapters 1 (Practice and Procedure) and 7 (Gas Services Division); and
3. Chapter 2001 (Administrative Procedure) of the Texas Government Code.

***Time, Place, and Nature of Hearing.*** **IT IS DIRECTED** the hearing on the merits shall commence at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2024**, at the Commission's offices in the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 12th floor. Please check with Docket Services the morning of the hearing for the room location. If not concluded on the day it commences, the hearing will be continued from day to day, as announced, until concluded. All parties desiring to present sworn testimony, documentary and demonstrative evidence, and argument regarding any issue of law or fact at the hearing shall appear personally or by an attorney.

***Written Transcript of the Hearing.*** The record of the hearing will be made by recording device or by stenographic transcription by the court reporter. Any party that desires a copy of the written transcript of the hearing should contact the court reporter at (512) 282-0313. The Commission may assess the cost of the transcript or expedited transcript to one or more parties pursuant to Section 2001.059 (Transcript) of the Texas Government Code.

***Auxiliary Aids or Services for Persons with a Disability.*** Any individual with a disability who needs auxiliary aids and services to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in the hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the hearing by notifying the Commission's Docket Services by mail at P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 or by telephone at (512) 463-6848 or TDD No. (800) 735-2989.

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**Signed on August 28, 2024.**



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**JOHN B. DODSON  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**