

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE PIPELINE) COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS) NATURAL GAS RATES)))))))	ORDER ESTABLISHING PARTIAL PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE; ORDER REQUIRING DISCOVERY RESPONSES WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS NG17-009
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On June 1, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company (SDIP) requesting authority to increase its natural gas rates. The filing did not include a proposed rate or any of the supporting documents required by statute and rule. The filing indicated that SDIP would file the applicable required documents no later than June 30, 2017, and requested an effective date of September 1, 2018, for the proposed rate. On June 5, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter stating that the filing did not meet the requirements for a rate case and was therefore incomplete and subject to rejection. Additionally, Staff indicated that because the filing was incomplete, it did not comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in NG16-006 and requested guidance from the Commission on how to proceed.

On June 8, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 31, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On June 13, 2017, the Commission issued an Order to Clarify Docket Procedure. On June 22, 2017, Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a Petition to Intervene and on July 6, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention; Order Assessing Filing Fee. On June 29, 2017, SDIP filed a confidential application for authority to increase its natural gas rates (Application). On July 11, 2017, MDU filed a Motion for Commission Review requesting the Commission strike SDIP's claim of confidentiality made in its Application and open the docket submissions to MDU and the public for review. On July 28, 2017, SDIP filed a redacted public version of its Application. On August 8, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Commission Review and Making Application Public (Commissioner Hanson, dissenting). On August 3, 2017, SDIP filed documents to comply with the Order Granting Motion for Commission Review and Making Application Public. On October 2, 2017, Staff filed a Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule. On October 4, 2017, Staff filed a letter regarding the evidentiary hearing date.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-34A, and ARSD 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 11, 2017, the Commission considered setting a procedural schedule. During its discussion with the parties, SDIP agreed with Staff's proposed schedule. MDU did not agree with Staff's proposed evidentiary hearing date. The parties were directed to work on finding a mutually agreeable evidentiary hearing date. The Commission voted unanimously to set a ten business day response deadline for data requests and to set the following partial procedural schedule:

SDIP Prefiled Testimony	July 28, 2017
SDIP Supplemental Testimony	November 17, 2017

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above partial procedural schedule is established for this proceeding. It is further

ORDERED, that responses to discovery are due ten business days after receipt.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of October, 2017.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: Karen E. Bremer

Date: 10/16/17

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner