

**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 PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE 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. On October 16, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Partial Procedural Schedule; Order Requiring Discovery Responses Within Ten Business Days. On October 16, 2017, Staff filed a letter regarding evidentiary hearing dates. On October 17, 2017, Staff filed a Motion to Compel SDIP to Provide Responses to Staff's Discovery Requests. On October 19, 2017, Staff withdrew its Motion to Compel SDIP to Provide Responses to Staff's Discovery requests. On October 20, 2017, SDIP filed a letter regarding response to PUC Staff's Motion to Compel.

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 24, 2017, the Commission considered setting a procedural schedule. SDIP and MDU agreed with Staff's proposed procedural schedule as filed in Staff's letter dated October 2, 2017, and the evidentiary hearing dates proposed in Staff's letter dated October 16, 2017. The Commission voted unanimously to establish the following procedural schedule:

SDIP Prefiled Testimony
SDIP Supplemental Testimony
Staff and MDU Prefiled Testimony
All Parties Rebuttal Testimony
Final Discovery Responses
Evidentiary Hearing

July 28, 2017
November 17, 2017
April 2, 2018
April 30, 2018
June 1, 2018
June 13-15, 2018

It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th 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: <u>Adam deHueckle</u>
Date: <u>10/30/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner