

Decision No. R14-0683-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14AL-0258G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 269 FILED BY SOURCEGAS
DISTRIBUTION, LLC TO MODIFY AND REVISE TARIFF SHEETS TO BECOME
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
PAUL C. GOMEZ
NOTING INTERVENTION AND
SETTING PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: June 23, 2014

I. STATEMENT

1. On March 20, 2014, SourceGas Distribution, LLC (SourceGas) filed Advice Letter No. 269. SourceGas submitted Advice Letter No. 269 without supporting testimony and exhibits.

2. SourceGas states that the purpose of the Advice Letter filing is to comply with the terms of a Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation) approved in consolidated Proceeding Nos. 13A-0046G, 13AL-0067G, and 13AL-0143G.

3. SourceGas agreed in that Stipulation that it would propose that its Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) mechanism allocate storage cost on a zoned basis. SourceGas identified the specific customers who benefit from storage as those taking service in zones behind Rocky Mountain Natural Gas Delivery LLC (Rocky Mountain) delivery points that require capacity pathed from the Wolf Creek Storage Field receipt point.

4. SourceGas requests an effective date of June 1, 2014 for the tariff sheets attached to Advice Letter No. 269.

5. On May 15, 2014, Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) filed a protest letter requesting that the Commission suspend the tariff sheets and set the matter for hearing. Staff questions whether: the proposed “with storage” and “without storage” rates for the Western Slope GCA are just and reasonable; whether it is reasonable to rely on certain evidence concerning the downstream recovery of Rocky Mountain storage costs; and whether modifications are necessary to the assignment of costs.

6. By Decision No. C14-0554 issued on May 23, 2014, the effective date of the proposed tariffs attached to Advice Letter No. 269 were suspended pursuant to § 40-6-111(b), C.R.S., for 120 days or through September 29, 2014. The Commission noted that the effective date may be suspended an additional 90 days for a maximum of 210 days or, through December 28, 2014. Decision No. C14-0554 also referred this matter to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for an evidentiary hearing on the proposed tariffs and a Recommended Decision. The Decision also set a 30-day intervention period which expired on June 23, 2014.

7. On June 10, 2014, Staff filed its Notice of Intervention, Entry of Appearance, Notice Pursuant to Rule 1007(a) and Rule 1403(b) and Request for Hearing. Staff provides notice that it will intervene in this proceeding and requests a hearing pursuant to Commission Rule 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-1402(b) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure. .

8. The intervention period in this matter is closed. The sole intervenor in this proceeding is Staff.

9. The ALJ finds it necessary to set a pre-hearing conference in this matter to discuss substantive, procedural and administrative matters, as well as any other issues that may arise.

At the pre-hearing conference, the parties should be prepared to discuss and set procedural dates, including dates for filing answer, rebuttal, and cross/answer testimony; a discovery schedule; a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement; dates for an evidentiary hearing; as well as a deadline for the filing of Statements of Position. The parties should be prepared to discuss any other relevant matters related to this proceeding.

10. A pre-hearing conference will be scheduled for **Wednesday, July 9, 2014**.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. A pre-hearing conference in this matter is scheduled as follows:

DATE: July 9, 2014

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room
Colorado Public Utilities Commission
1560 Broadway, Suite 250
Denver, Colorado

2. The Intervention of Right of Commission Trial Staff is noted.

3. At the pre-hearing conference, the parties shall be prepared to discuss the matters set out above.

4. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PAUL C. GOMEZ

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director