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SECTION 1: NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO.: 10831
CAPTION Inquiry into The Failure of Reliance Gathering, LLC to Comply with Safety Standards.
DATE FILED -- 03/18/2019
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10832
CAPTION Inquiry into The Failure of City of Dumas to Comply with Safety Standards.
DATE FILED -- 03/18/2019
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10833
CAPTION Application of CenterPoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2018 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the South Texas Division Environs and Cities that have Ceded Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.
DATE FILED -- 03/28/2019
FILED BY -- Keith Wall
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Frank Tomicek

DOCKET NO.: 10834
CAPTION Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2018 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the Unincorporated Areas of the Beaumont/East Texas Division and Cities that have Ceded Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.
DATE FILED -- 03/28/2019
FILED BY -- Keith Wall
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Claudia Godoy

DOCKET NO.: 10835
CAPTION Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2018 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the Unincorporated Areas of the Houston Division and Cities that have Ceded Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.
DATE FILED -- 03/28/2019
FILED BY -- Keith Wall
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Sarah Montoya-Foglesong

DOCKET NO.: 10836
CAPTION Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex for Test Year 2018 Annual Interim Rate Adjustment for the Unincorporated Areas of the Texas Coast Division and Cities that have Ceded Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

DATE FILED -- 03/28/2019
FILED BY -- Keith Wall
EXAMINER -- Kari French
TECHNICAL -- Amy Bruce

DOCKET NO.: 10837
CAPTION Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex to show the City of Bullard, Texas Surrendered Municipal Jurisdiction to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

DATE FILED -- 03/22/2019
FILED BY -- Keith Wall
EXAMINER -- Claudia Godoy
TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10838
CAPTION Inquiry into The Failure of Vamos Oil & Gas, LLC to Comply with Safety Standards.

DATE FILED -- 03/26/2019
FILED BY -- Commission's Own Motion
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL --

DOCKET NO.: 10839
CAPTION Texas State Natural Gas Company's Notice of Intent Provide a One-Time Customer Refund Pursuant to Section 104.111 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act

DATE FILED -- 03/26/2019
FILED BY -- Janet Simpson
EXAMINER -- Frank Tomicek
TECHNICAL --

SECTION 2: APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

[Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2018](#)

None currently.

SECTION 3: STATUS OF PENDING CASES

None currently.

SECTION 4: NOTICES OF DISMISSAL

None currently.

SECTION 5: ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

1. Docket No. 10761: Application filed by Agua Blanca, LLC Pursuant to Natural Gas Policy Act, Section 311 for Review of the Reasonableness of a Transportation Rate.
 - a. [Final Order](#) (03/26/2019)
2. Docket No. 10790: Application Of Oxy Usa Wtp Lp For Waiver Pursuant To 49 Cfr 195 and Rule 8 Of Tac, Title 16, Part 1 For The Use Of A Zap-Lok Connection System In Its Wolfbone Oil Gathering System
 - a. [Final Order](#) (3/26/2019)

SECTION 6: MISCELLANEOUS

A. Gas Services Department Publications and Statistics

1. Gas Utilities Information Bulletins available at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/gas-utilities-information-bulletins/>.
2. Rate Review Handbook available at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/media/41964/rate-review-handbook-2017.pdf>.
3. Gas Utilities Annual Statistics available at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/2017-gas-utility-annual-statistical-reports/>.
4. Gas Storage Statistics available at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/gas-storage-statistics/>.
5. Six MCF Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Texas Cities available at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/publications-statistics/six-mcf-report/>.

B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits

1. We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission of Texas that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2018 is 0.91%. All gas utilities should use 0.42% for the calendar year 2017 and 0.11% for calendar year 2016. This information can be found at: <https://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/electric/reports/HRates/HistRates.pdf>

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D. Audit Forms

1. Gas Utility Tax and Annual Forms available at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/forms/>.
2. Copies of Gas Utility Annual Reports available on Neibus at: https://rrcsearch3.neibus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php?_module=esd&_action=keysearch&profile=13.
3. Information relating to any of the above, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Department, 9th Floor, 1701 North Congress. All requests for copies must be made in writing and should be addressed to the Audit Section. Copies will be provided for a fee, depending on the volume of copy work desired, allow a minimum of ten business days for completion of requests.
4. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022 or fax your request to 512-475-3180.

E. Market Oversight Section Forms

1. Annual Earnings and Monitoring Report available at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/6085/annualearningsmonitoringreport.pdf>
2. Interim Cost Recovery and Rate Adjustment Report available at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/6084/newinfrastructure.pdf>.

F. Gas Utility Docket Information

1. Orders and Proposals for Decision published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/dockets/gas-utility-dockets/>
2. Gas Utility Dockets available on Neibus at https://rrcsearch3.neibus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php?_module=esd&_action=keysearch&profile=14.

G. Natural Gas Tariff Filings

1. Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Andrea Maxwell, Janet Sims, Sheila Mendoza or Virgie Frausto at (512) 463-7167.
2. Natural Gas Tariffs and Rate Schedules available at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/natural-gas-tariffs-and-rate-schedules/>.

H. Common Carrier Pipeline Tariff Filings

1. Questions pertaining to the filing of common carrier pipeline tariffs should be directed to Sheila Mendoza at 512-463-7023.
2. Common Carrier Pipeline Tariffs available at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/common-carrier-pipeline-tariffs/>.

I. Propane Distribution Systems

1. Propane distribution price cap information is available at: <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/propane-distribution-systems/>.

J. Curtailment Plan (Gas Utility Docket 489)

1. Curtailment questions should be referred to 512-463-7167 or by email at naturalgascurtailment@rrc.texas.gov.
2. Curtailment reports made during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to 512-463-7167.
3. Curtailment reports made after hours or during holidays, should be made to 512-463-6788.

K. Compliance Filings

1. Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Christina Poole at 512-463-7167 or by email at GUD_Compliance@rrc.texas.gov.

L. Complaints and Inquiries

1. Residential and Commercial Propane and Natural Gas Complaints should be made at GasComplaints@rrc.texas.gov or by phone at 512-463-7167.
2. Informal Gas Purchasing, Selling, Transportation or Gathering Practice Complaints should be submitted online at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/complaint-filing/informal-gas-transportation-purchase-complaint-preliminary-information-online-form/> or at 512-463-7167.
3. Informal Complaint Preliminary Information form available at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/5671/informal-complaint-preliminary-information.pdf>.

M. Non-Submetered Master Meter Disconnections

1. Municipalities wishing to opt in receiving notice from utilities when non-submetered master metered multifamily property is subject to disconnection of service due to non-payment can do so at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/non-submetered-master-meter-disconnections/>.

N. Texas Utilities Codes

1. Available through the State of Texas website at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us>.

O. Texas Administrative Codes

1. Available at the State of Texas website at: [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7).

P. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations

1. Pending rules and regulations available at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/general-counsel/rules/>.

Q. Proposed Form Amendments (PFD):

1. PFDs available at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/about-us/resource-center/forms/proposed-form-changes/>.

R. Hearings and Legal Analysis

1. Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the General Counsel Division at 512-463-7149.

S. Status of Pending Cases

1. The status of all pending cases listed in Section 3 of this Bulletin is for informational purposes only and is complete up to the time of printing of this Bulletin. For a more accurate status of pending cases, please call the General Counsel Division at 512-463-7149.