

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
WYOMING GAS COMPANY FOR A GENERAL)
RATE INCREASE OF \$473,219 PER ANNUM, TO)
AMEND ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND)
TO CONFORM ITS TARIFFS PURSUANT TO)
REVISED COMMISSION RULES AND)
REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE MARCH 21, 2016)

DOCKET NO. 30009-60-GR-16
DOCKET NO. 50051-2-PR-16
(RECORD NO. 14566)

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION)
OF WYOMING NATURAL GAS COMPANY)
AND NG TRANSMISSION FOR AUTHORITY)
TO MERGE AND FOR NG TRANSMISSION TO)
DISCONTINUE UTILITY SERVICE)
CURRENTLY OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC)

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION*

(Issued November 28, 2016)

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Wyoming Gas Company (WGC or the Company) for a general rate case increase of \$473,219 per annum, to amend its Rules and Regulations, to conform its tariffs pursuant to revised Commission Rules effective March 21, 2016, and upon the Joint Application of WGC and NG Transmission (NGT) for authority to merge and for NGT to discontinue utility service currently offered to the public (collectively Application) as more fully described below.

1. WGC is a public utility as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), NGT is a public utility as defined by W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(G), as such both are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to W.S. § 37-2-112 and provide utility service to the public under Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) authorized by the Commission.

2. On October 3, 2016, WGC filed its general rate application with supporting prefiled testimony and exhibits. In its Application, WGC requests the following: [i] an order authorizing an increase in the distribution rates and charges for natural gas service rendered in Wyoming in the annual amount of \$473,219, which total is made up of an increase of \$449,484 in general gas revenues, and an increase of \$23,735 in other service charges and fees; [ii] approval of an overall rate of return on rate base of 9.837%; [iii] approval of amendments to its Rules and Regulations; [iv] approval of tariffs in conformance with revised Commission Rules effective March 21, 2016. WGC and NGT also jointly request: [v] authority to merge; and [vi] authority for NGT to discontinue utility service currently offered to the public and relinquish its CPCN, all as itemized in the testimony and exhibits filed with the Application.

3. In its Application, WGC requests changes to the distribution portion of the Company's rates and proposes a Return on Equity (ROE) of 12.73% and the corresponding overall

rate of return on rate base of 9.837%, to make up the current annual deficiency of \$473,219. WGC bases its request on an adjusted test-year for the 12 months ending May 31, 2016.

4. The effect of the proposed general rate increase on the typical WGC customer in three rate classes will be: Residential \$92/year with projected average usage of 954 Ccf/year; Small Commercial \$162/year with projected average usage of 1,811 Ccf/year; and, Large Commercial \$86/year with projected average usage of 12,028 Ccf/year. Actual bills will vary with usage. Customers served under other service schedules should contact WGC for details on how the changes will affect them.

5. WGC also proposes to amend its Rules and Regulations to amend its descriptions and increase certain service charges and fees, and includes amendments to otherwise conform with the recently adopted Commission Rules.

6. WGC and NGT further jointly propose to merge and reorganize the utilities as a single vertically-integrated gas utility, and for NGT to discontinue utility service currently offered to the public and relinquish its CPCN.

7. This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at WGC's and NGT's offices in Worland, Wyoming, and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours.

8. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before **December 12, 2016**.^{*} Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

9. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket Nos. 30009-60-GR-16 and 50051-2-PR-16 (Record No. 14566) in your communications.

Dated: November 28, 2016.

10. Published notice in this matter shall consist of paragraphs 1 through 9 hereof.

11. This *Amended Notice of Application* is effective immediately.

^{*} This Notice of Application has been amended to extend the protest deadline due to a publication error in one of the newspapers in the Company's service territory.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on November 28, 2016.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



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