

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION)	
OF NATURAL GAS PROCESSING CO., FOR)	CASE NO. 24-00261-UT
CONTINUED USE OF ITS PURCHASED)	
GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE)	
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ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	
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APPLICANT.)	
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NOTICE TO ZIA CUSTOMERS OF PROCEEDING AND HEARING

To Zia Natural Gas Company (Zia) customers:

This document is required by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (Commission or NMPRC). The purpose of this document is to provide you with notice of the Application Zia filed with the Commission requesting approval to continue use of a Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause (PGAC). This Notice:

- describes the Commission’s process for considering Zia’s Application; and
- describes how you can participate in this process if you wish to do so.

If you wish to participate in this process, the information below details how you may participate. **If you do not wish to participate, no action is required on your part.**

Therefore, **NOTICE** is given by the Commission of the following:

On October 15, 2024, Zia filed its Application for approval to continue to use its PGAC pursuant to the Public Utility Act (PUA) and the Commission’s Rule 17.10.640 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC). A PGAC allows levelization of recovering gas costs on a continuing basis, which for Zia, is a set price of gas for an entire year. Audited reconciliation reports and cost factor statements are filed annually with the Commission. Zia is required as part of its tariff to file an application for continued use of its PGAC at intervals of no more than four

years. Zia has attached to its Application, the Direct Testimony of Marit Coburn. Zia asserts it has made no revisions to its approved Rate No. 5, which is its current PGAC tariff.

The Commission has assigned Case No. 24-00261-UT to this proceeding, and all inquiries or written comments concerning this proceeding should refer to that case number.

The Hearing Examiner has established the following schedule for this case:

A. Any person who desires to become a party to this case must file a Motion for Leave to Intervene, pursuant to 1.2.2.23 NMAC, by noon on December 24, 2024. All motions for leave to intervene shall be served on all existing parties and other proposed intervenors of record.

B. Commission Utility Division Staff shall, and Interveners may, file Direct Testimony by January 17, 2025.

C. Rebuttal Testimony may be filed by January 24, 2025.

D. A public hearing will be held, if necessary, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on February 6, 2025. This hearing may be vacated. The public hearing, if deemed necessary by the Commission, shall be conducted via the Zoom videoconference platform. Participation in the public hearing shall be limited to party participants (i.e., counsel, witnesses, and other representatives of the parties), the Commissioners, and other Commission personnel. Other interested persons may view the hearing via a livestream on YouTube provided on the Commission's website at <https://www.prc.nm.gov/>. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed shall attend the hearing, if one is held, and submit to examination under oath.

E. The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are subject to further order

of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner. Interested persons should contact the Commission at 505-690-4191 for confirmation of the hearing date, time, and place because hearings are occasionally rescheduled or vacated.

F. Interested persons who are not affiliated with a party may make oral or written comment as allowed by Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC. Oral comments shall be taken shortly after the beginning of the evidentiary hearing on February 6, 2025 and comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per person. As part of the public hearing, public comment will be taken via the Zoom platform; therefore, persons wishing to make an oral public comment must register in advance, not later than 8:30 a.m. MT on February 6, 2025 by email to Ana.Kippenbrock@prc.nm.gov. Alternatively, written public comments may be submitted before the Commission takes final action. Those comments shall reference Case No. 24-00261-UT and be emailed to PRC.records@prc.nm.gov. Public comments, whether oral or written, shall not be considered as evidence in this proceeding.

G. Any person may examine Zia's filing, exhibits, and related papers at Zia's office located at 100 Short Drive, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, telephone: (800) 520-4277 or (575) 378-4277; online at Zia's website <http://www.zngc.com/>; or at the Commission's website <https://www.prc.nm.gov/case-lookup-e-docket/>.

H. Copies of documents filed with the Commission must be served on all parties of record and Staff in the manner indicated on the Certificate of Service for this case. All filings shall be emailed to Staff and the parties on the date they are filed with the Commission. Additionally,

all filings shall be emailed to the Hearing Examiner at Elizabeth.Hurst@prc.nm.gov.

I. Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony in this case shall, until further notice, comply with the Commission's electronic filing policy as posted on the Commission website, as amended from time to time. This includes filings in pdf format, with electronic signatures, sent to the Records Bureau's email address at PRC.records@prc.nm.gov within regular business hours of the due date in order to be considered timely filed. Documents received after regular business hours will be considered as being filed the next business day. Regular business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MT.

J. The Commission's Rules of Procedure, 1.2.2 NMAC, shall apply in this case except as modified or varied by order of the Commission. The Rules of Procedure and other Commission rules are available online at the official NMAC website: <https://www.srca.nm.gov/nmac-home/nmac-titles/>.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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ISSUED under the Seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 31st day of October, 2024.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION



Elizabeth C. Hurst

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Hearing Examiner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on this date I sent, via email, a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Notice to Zia Customers of Proceeding and Hearing* to the following:

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DATED this 31st day of October, 2024.

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/s/ LaurieAnn Santillanes, electronically signed
LaurieAnn Santillanes, Law Clerk