

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. 20-00201-UT
CONTINUED USE OF ITS PURCHASED)	
GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE)	
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ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	
APPLICANT.)	
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the following proceeding pending before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC or Commission):

1. On October 16, 2020, Zia Natural Gas Company, a division of Natural Gas Processing Company (Zia), filed its Application for approval to continue to use its purchased gas adjustment clause (PGAC) pursuant to the Public Utility Act (PUA) and the Commission’s Rule 17.10.640 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), which requires that each utility operating with a PGAC as part of its tariff shall file an application for continued use of its PGAC at intervals of no more than four years.

2. In support of its Application, Zia states that Zia has a PGAC, the continued use of which was last approved by Order issued on March 29, 2017 in NMPRC Case No. 17-00293-UT. The Commission ordered Zia to file its next rate application for continued use of its PGAC on or before October 17, 2020. Attached to its Application and in support of Zia’s continued use of its PGAC are the Direct Testimony of K. Marit Coburn and exhibits that the Application states addresses all of the considerations identified in NMSA 1978, Sections 62-8-7.E(1) through E(4). Zia asserts that its PGAC complies with Commission Rules 17.10.640.6 and 17.10.640.9 NMAC and PUA Section 62-8-7.E NMSA 1978. Zia asserts it has made no revisions to its approved

Rate No. 5, its current PGAC.

3. On October 28, 2020, the Commission issued its Initial Order that commenced a proceeding to consider this case, appointed Hearing Examiner Robert J. Lennon to preside over this matter, and ordered that Zia's current PGAC shall continue in effect pending entry of a final order in this matter determining the disposition of the Application.

4. Any person may examine Zia's Application, together with any exhibits and related papers that may be filed, on the Commission's "edocket" portal at <https://edocket.nmprc.state.nm.us>.

5. The Commission has assigned Case No. 20-00201-UT to this proceeding, and all correspondence, pleadings, inquiries, written comments or other communications concerning this matter should refer to that case number.

6. 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(A) and (B) NMAC and the NMPRC's then current Electronic Filing Policy, on or before December 30, 2020. All motions for leave to intervene, pleadings or testimony shall be served on all existing parties, other proposed intervenors of record, and the Hearing Examiner by e-mail or U.S. mail as required by the Commission or the Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner's e-mail is robert.lennon@state.nm.us.

B. The Commission Utility Division Staff (Staff) shall, and Interveners may, file Direct Testimony on or before January 13, 2021. Staff's testimony shall include its recommendation as to the need for a hearing in this case.

C. Any Rebuttal Testimony must be filed on or before January 20, 2021.

D. A public hearing will be held on January 28, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am Mountain Time (MT). This hearing will be held to hear and receive public comments,

testimony, exhibits, arguments, and any other appropriate matters relevant to this proceeding. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the public hearing shall be conducted via the Zoom videoconference platform. Access to and participation in the evidentiary hearing shall be limited to party-participants (i.e., counsel, witnesses, and other representatives of the parties), the Commissioners, and other Commission personnel. Zoom invitations to the evidentiary hearing shall be sent in due course to individuals on the Certificate of Service and all witnesses whose pre-filed testimony the parties intend on seeking admission into evidence. Interested parties may view the evidentiary hearing via livestream on YouTube provided on the Commission's website at www.nmprc.state.nm.us.

7. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed shall attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

8. Interested persons may appear at the time and place of the hearing (via Zoom) and may make written or oral comments without becoming intervenors. Public comment shall be taken at the commencement of the public hearing in this matter on January 28, 2021 just after 10:00 am MT. Persons interested in providing public comment must request a Zoom invitation by e-mailing Ana Kippenbrock at ana.kippenbrock@state.nm.us by no later than 5:00 pm MT on January 25, 2021. Public comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

9. Written comments, which shall reference the above captioned case number, may also be electronically submitted to the Commission at: prc.records@state.nm.us. Pursuant to 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC, comments shall not be considered as evidence. All such filings shall also be e-mailed to the Hearing Examiner at: robert.lennon@state.nm.us.

10. 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 for

confirmation of the hearing date, time and place because hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

11. The Commission's Rules of Procedure found at 1.2.2 NMAC shall apply to this proceeding unless modified by order of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner. Such rules are available online at the official NMAC website <http://164.64.110.134/nmac/nmac-titles>.

12. Anyone filing pleadings, testimony, and other documents in this case shall, until further notice, comply with the Commission's Electronic Filing Policy, as amended from time to time. This includes electronic filings by emailing in pdf format, with electronic signatures, to prc.records@state.nm.us within regular business hours of the due date in order to be considered as being 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 am to 5:00 pm MT. Pleadings, testimony and other documents shall also be served on all parties of record and Staff in the way or ways specified in the most recent Certificate of Service issued in this case by the Hearing Examiner. Copies of all filings shall also be emailed, on the date of filing and service, to the Hearing Examiner at: robert.lennon@state.nm.us. All documents emailed to the Hearing Examiner shall also include versions created in Microsoft Word if available.

13. Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the Commission at 1-888-427-5772 at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico on November 13, 2020.

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/s/ Robert J. Lennon
Hearing Examiner