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SECTION 1

NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO. -- **10592**
CAPTION -- Application filed by Houston Pipe Line Company LP for Review of Merger with Hesco Pipeline Company, L.L.C.
DATE FILED -- 01/12/2017
FILED BY -- Claire Johnson
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Frank Tomicek

DOCKET NO. -- **10593**
CAPTION -- Application filed by ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. for Review of Merger with RGU West LLC.
DATE FILED -- 01/12/2017
FILED BY -- Claire Johnson
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Frank Tomicek

DOCKET NO. -- **10594**
CAPTION -- Application filed by ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. for Review of Merger with Regency Gas Utility LLC.
DATE FILED -- 01/12/2017
FILED BY -- Claire Johnson
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Frank Tomicek

DOCKET NO. -- **10595**
CAPTION -- Application filed by ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. for Review of Merger with Hesco Gathering Company, L.L.C.
DATE FILED -- 01/12/2017
FILED BY -- Claire Johnson
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Frank Tomicek

DOCKET NO. -- **10596**
CAPTION -- Application filed by Atmos Pipeline - Texas to Report Acquired Assets from Brookside Storage, LLC.
DATE FILED -- 01/17/2017
FILED BY -- Kodey Jolly
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Mark Brock

DOCKET NO. -- **10597**
CAPTION -- Formal Complaint of Vopak Moda Houston, LLC against Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P.
DATE FILED -- 01/20/2017
FILED BY -- John K. Arnold
EXAMINER -- John B. Dodson
TECHNICAL -- James R. Currier

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DOCKET NO. -- **10598**
CAPTION -- Application filed by ETC Texas Pipeline, Ltd. for Review of Merger with ETC KR Pipeline LLC.
DATE FILED -- 01/23/2017
FILED BY -- Claire Johnson
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Sarah Montoya-Foglesong

DOCKET NO. -- **10599**
CAPTION -- Application filed by ETC KR Pipeline LLC to Report the Sale of Assets to Lobo Pipeline Company LLC.
DATE FILED -- 01/23/2017
FILED BY -- Claire Johnson
EXAMINER --
TECHNICAL -- Sarah Montoya-Foglesong

SECTION 2

APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

[Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2016](#)

SECTION 3

STATUS OF PENDING CASES

None at this time.

SECTION 4

NOTICES OF DISMISSAL

None at this time.

SECTION 5

ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION

[GUD No. 10560 \(Interim Rate Adjustment Order and Exhibits\)
Application of Texas Gas Service Company for Text Year 2015 annual interim rate adjustment for the unincorporated area of the Rio Grande Valley Service Area.](#)

[GUD No. 10563 \(Interim Rate Adjustment Order and Exhibits\)
Application of West Texas Gas for Test Year 2015 annual interim rate adjustment program for the unincorporated areas of the Texas Service Area.](#)

[GUD No. 10580 \(Suspension Order\)
Statement of Intent to Change the Rates of City Gate Service \(CGS\) and Rate Pipeline Transportation \(PT\) Rates of Atmos Pipeline - Texas \(APT\).](#)

SECTION 6
MISCELLANEOUS

Kari French, OVERSIGHT AND SAFETY DIRECTOR

1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

A. Publications

1. Texas Utilities Code Titles 3 and 4. Now available at the State of Texas' website at:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us>

Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules. Now available thru the Commission's 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)

2. Annual Report for Fiscal Year – Now available via the Commission's website at:

<http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/gas-utility-statistical-reports/>

3. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - Now available via the Commission's website at:

<http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/six-mcf-report/>

B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits

We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2017 is 0.42%. All gas utilities should use 0.11% for the calendar year 2016 and 0.07% for calendar year 2015.

2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION

A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:

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B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports

1. Questions relating to gas utility tax, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
2. Questions relating to annual reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
3. Inquiries relating to audit reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.

C. Available Information

Gas Utility Annual Reports - Now available via Commission's website at:

https://rrcsearch3.neubus.com/esd3-rrc/index.php?_module=_esd&_action=_keysearch&profile=13

Information relating to any of the above, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Division, 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 seven to ten business days for completion of requests. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022, or Fax your request to (512) 475-3180.

3. MARKET OVERSIGHT

A. Maintains the following office to assist you:

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building
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B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin

Published on the Commission's web site at:

<http://www.rrc.texas.gov/gas-services/publications-statistics/gas-utilities-information-bulletins/>

C. Proposals For Decision

Published on the Commission's web site at:

<http://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/dockets/gas-utility-dockets/>

D. Tariff Filings

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Claudia Godoy, Yolanda Lovelace, Andrea Matamoros, or Virgie Frausto at (512) 463-7167.

E. Curtailments

Curtailment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7167 or by email at naturalgascurtailment@rrc.texas.gov. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made during hours other than those specified above and holidays, should be made to (512) 463-6788.

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- F. Compliance Filings**
Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Christina Poole at (512) 463-7167.
- G. Complaints and Inquiries**
All complaints and inquiries relating to the gas utility industry should be directed to the Market Oversight Section at (512) 463-7164.
- H. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations:**

4. HEARINGS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

- A. Miscellaneous**
Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.
- B. Status of Pending Cases**
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 Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.