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OVERSIGHT AND SAFETY DIVISION

**GAS UTILITIES
INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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SECTION 1

NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED

DOCKET NO. -- **10677**
CAPTION -- Appeal filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex from the Actions of the Cities of Niederwald and Poth for the Incorporated Areas of the South Texas Division.
DATE FILED -- 12/18/2017
FILED BY -- Sam Chang
EXAMINER -- John Dodson
TECHNICAL -- Rose Ruiz

SECTION 2

APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

[Office of General Counsel Weekly Hearing Schedules for 2017](#)

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

None at this time.

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 via 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-annual-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 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.

<https://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/electric/reports/HRates/HistRates.pdf>

2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION

A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building 1701 North Congress, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78701	Telephone (512) 463-7022 Fax (512) 475-3180
Ed Abrahamson, Director, Utility Audit Section Pearl Rodriguez, Program Specialist Diana Serrano, Accounting Technician	
Fort Worth - City Hall 13th Street Annex, 401 W. 13 th St Suite B	Telephone (817) 882-8966 Fax (817) 882-8951
Josh Settle, Senior Auditor Yolandra Davis, Senior Auditor	
Austin District - P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967	
Stephen Cooper, Advising Auditor	Telephone (512) 463-7119
Houston District - 1706 Seamist Drive, Suite 501 Houston, TX 77008-3135	Telephone (713) 869-8425 Fax (713) 869-3219
Margie Stoney, Project Auditor Larry Alcorn, Auditor Dale Francis, Senior Auditor Konata Uzoma, Senior Auditor Vonetta Jackson, Auditor	

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.

<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/gas-services/forms/>

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 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 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
1701 North Congress, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512) 463-7167
Mark Evarts, Director

B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin

Published on the Commission's website 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, Andrea Matamoros, Virgie Frausto, or Sheila Mendoza 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.

F. Compliance Filings

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.

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 or by email at GasComplaints@rrc.texas.gov.

H. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations:

<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/general-counsel/rules/>

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 General Counsel Division at (512) 463-7149.

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 General Counsel Division at (512) 463-7149.