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Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules, notice is hereby given of the Amended Application of Natural Gas Processing Co. (NGP or the Company) through its division Wyoming Gas Company (WGC) 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 Amended Application of NGP through its divisions WGC and NG Transmission (NGT) for authority to transfer the utility assets of NGT to WGC, and for NGT to discontinue utility service currently offered to the public (collectively Amended Application) as more fully described below.

NGP 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.

On October 3, 2016, WGC filed its original general rate Application with supporting prefiled testimony and exhibits. On March 23, 2017, WGC filed its Supplement to the Joint Application, which the Commission determined was an amendment. On May 24, 2017, NGP through its division WGC filed its Amended Application. NGP 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; and [iv] approval of tariffs in conformance with revised Commission Rules effective March 21, 2016. NGP also requests: [v] authority to transfer utility assets from NGT to WGC; and [vi] authority for NGT to discontinue utility service currently offered to the public and relinquish its CPCN, along with any attendant CPCN amendments for NGP or WGC, all as itemized in the testimony and exhibits filed with the original Application, the Supplement and the Amended Application.

In its Amended Application, NGP 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. NGP bases its request on an adjusted test-year for the 12 months ending May 31, 2016.

NGP proposes to assign an existing negotiated sales contract with an industrial customer in Worland, Wyoming to Wyoming Gas. As an alternative to a negotiated contract, NGP proposes a new industrial class and rate, which supersede any existing contracts. The industrial rate would have a Customer Charge of \$110 per month and a "cost of service" (volumetric charge) of \$0.0989 per Ccf. This rate would be based on the 13 psia billing pressure used with all other WGC rates.

The effect of the proposed general rate increase on the typical WGC customer in the three existing rate classes, without the new industrial rate may 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.

NGP 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.

NGP further proposes to transfer utility assets from NGT to WGC, and for NGT to discontinue utility service currently offered to the public and relinquish its CPCN, along with any attendant CPCN amendments for NGP or WGC.

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

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 July 5, 2017. 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.

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.

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