

ORDINANCE NO. 20230323-005

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING A GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSED BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. In accordance with Chapters 103 and 104 of the Texas Utilities Code, the City Council has exclusive original jurisdiction over gas rates charged for natural gas utility services provided in the City.

PART 2. On February 9, 2023, Texas Gas Service Company (TGS) filed a proposed interim rate adjustment or Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) filing in Austin and in the other cities it serves in the Central Gulf Service area (CGSA). The other cities include Bayou Vista, Beaumont, Bee Cave, Cedar Park, Cuero, Dripping Springs, Galveston, Gonzales, Groves, Jamaica Beach, Kyle, Lakeway, Lockhart, Luling, Nederland, Nixon, Port Arthur, Port Neches, Rollingwood, Shiner, Sunset Valley, West Lake Hills and Yoakum, Texas. TGS is seeking recovery of \$104,175,258 in invested capital for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

PART 3. TGS proposed an effective date of April 10, 2023, for applying the rate resulting from the interim rate adjustment.

PART 4. Pursuant to Texas Utilities Code § 104.301, the City is authorized to suspend the implementation of the interim rate adjustment for a period not to exceed 45 days beyond the effective date proposed by TGS.

PART 5. The City Council finds that the City requires additional time to review and consider the GRIP filing and supporting documentation filed by TGS.

PART 6. The implementation of the interim rate adjustment in TGS's GRIP filing proposed to take effect on April 10, 2023, is hereby suspended until the sooner of (a) the 45th day from the proposed effective date, or (b) the date acted upon by the City Council.

PART 7. This ordinance takes effect on April 3, 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, March 23, 2023

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Kirk Watson
Mayor

APPROVED:

Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Myrna Rios
City Clerk