

ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
BLACK HILLS ENERGY ARKANSAS, INC. FOR) DOCKET NO. 21-097-U
APPROVAL OF A GENERAL CHANGE IN) ORDER NO. 3
RATES AND TARIFFS)

ORDER

On January 24, 2022, the General Staff (Staff) of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (Commission) filed its Motion for Procedural Schedule in this Docket requesting that the Commission grant the proposed schedule. It states that there are no intervenors and Staff has consulted with the remaining parties who have agreed to the following proposed procedural schedule:

Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony	Friday, June 3, 2022
Applicant Rebuttal Testimony	Wednesday, June 29, 2022
Staff/Intervenor Surrebuttal Testimony	Friday, July 22, 2022
Applicant Sur-Surrebuttal Testimony	Thursday, August 4, 2022
Settlement or Issues List ¹	Friday, August 19, 2022
Opposition to Settlement	Wednesday, August 24, 2022
Evidentiary Hearing	Tuesday, August 30, 2022
Public Comment Hearing, Fayetteville	6:00 p.m., September 6, 2022
Public Comment Hearing, Blytheville	6:00 p.m., September 8, 2022

¹ If a unanimous Settlement is not reached and filed by the indicated date, an Issues List shall be filed on that date (1) instead of a unanimous Settlement or (2) in addition to any non-unanimous Settlement. With a non-unanimous Settlement, "outstanding contested issues" shall be those which remain contested after consideration of the non-unanimous Settlement. At the same time that the Settlement or Issues List is filed, the Parties are directed to notify the Commission whether they will proceed with the live hearing, waive the live hearing, or submit to a paper hearing (with suggested procedures).

Motion ¶¶ 2-5 (Doc. #54).

The Commission finds that the procedural schedule for BHEA's Application for a change in rates is reasonable. All filings shall be made by noon the day of the deadline. If legal issues are identified that the Parties believe should be briefed, the Parties should petition the Commission for an amendment to the procedural schedule to allow for legal briefing as soon as they are aware of potential legal issues in this Docket to enable briefs to be filed before the hearing. Legal briefs shall not otherwise be filed.

The public evidentiary hearing on BHEA's Application for a change in rates is scheduled to begin at **9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022**, to be held in the Commission Hearing Room located in the Arkansas Public Service Commission Building, 1000 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Public Comment Hearings on BHEA's Application are scheduled to begin at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022**, at the Fayetteville Public Library, Willard and Pat Walker Community Room, 401 W. Mountain St., Fayetteville, Arkansas, and at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022**, at the Blytheville High School Auditorium, 600 N. 10th St., Blytheville, Arkansas.

BHEA is directed to prominently display the dates, locations, and purposes² of the three hearings on its website.

² Public evidentiary hearing or public comment hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 25th day of January 2022.



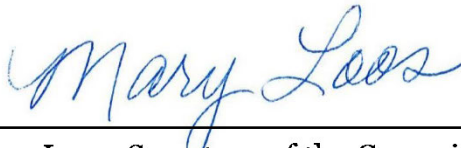
Ted J. Thomas, Chairman



Kimberly A. O'Guinn, Commissioner



Justin Tate, Commissioner



Mary Loos, Secretary of the Commission

I hereby certify that this order, issued by the
Arkansas Public Service Commission,
has been served on all parties of record on
this date by the following method:

U.S. mail with postage prepaid using the
mailing address of each party as
indicated in the official docket file, or
 Electronic mail using the email address
of each party as indicated in the official
docket file.