

STATE OF MARYLAND
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SANDPIPER ENERGY, INC. FOR A
GENERAL INCREASE IN ITS NATURAL
GAS AND PROPANE RATES AND FOR
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES
TO ITS TARIFF

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9410

February 10, 2016

**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE'S
NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

In order to provide time for settlement discussions, the parties and this Public Utility Law Judge have agreed to extend the procedural schedule in this matter for an additional 30 days. Sandpiper Energy, Inc. has requested that its proposed rates and charges become effective on February 1, 2016, as opposed to January 1, 2016, to allow for the extended schedule. The agreed upon revised procedural schedule is as follows:

- March 18, 2016 - Evening hearing for public comment.
- March 21, 2016 - Staff, OPC and Intervenors file reply testimony.
- April 4, 2016 - Parties file rebuttal testimony
- April 14, 2016 - Parties file surrebuttal testimony.
- April 18-20, 2016 - Evidentiary hearings.

- May 16, 2016 - Initial briefs due.
- May 31, 2016 - Reply briefs due.



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- June 20, 2016 - Target date for Proposed Order.
- July 1, 2016 - Any notice of appeal, accompanied by the memorandum on appeal, due.
- July 29, 2106 - Statutory review period expires.

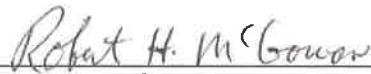
A response to a data request served by any party before April 4, 2016 shall be due no later than seven business days after the request has been served. After the filing of rebuttal testimony on April 4, responses will be due within five business days. Any objection to all or part of a data request shall be made within three business days after the request has been served.

The scheduled evidentiary hearings will be held in the Commission's 19th floor hearing room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland. The hearing scheduled for April 18 will commence at 11:00 a.m.; the evidentiary hearing will continue to April 19 at 10:00 a.m. and April 20 at 1:00 p.m., as necessary.

The evening hearing for public comment set for March 18, 2016 will commence at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Stephen Decatur Middle School, 9815 Seahawk Road, Berlin, Maryland. Customers wishing to comment on Sandpiper Energy, Inc.'s proposal may do so at the evening hearing or in writing. Written comments, referencing Case No. 9410, should be sent to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6806, by April 15, 2016.

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Sandpiper Energy, Inc. is hereby directed to publish notice of the evening hearing in a newspaper in general circulation in each county in its service territory at least one time in each of the two weeks immediately preceding the evening public comment hearing date. The notice, which should be published in the form of a two (2) column wide by three (3) inch display advertisement, run-of-the-paper, must include the time, date, place, and purpose (including the case caption and case number) of the scheduled evening hearing. The notice shall also advise customers of the procedure outlined above for filing written comments in this matter. A certificate(s) of publication with a copy of the newspaper clipping attached should be filed with the Commission on or before the date of the hearing.



Robert H. McGowan
Public Utility Law Judge

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general increase in its natural *
gas and propane rates and for *
approval of certain other *
changes to its tariff *

Case No. 9410

To All Parties of Record:

Enclosed please find a copy of the "Public Utility Law Judge's Notice of Modified Procedural Schedule" issued today in the above-entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Berends".

Kathleen Berends
Administrator

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Enclosure