Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 40

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance regarding a proposal from Texas Gas Service Company to increase customer gas rates. (Suggested date and time: June 11, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX)

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Prior Council Action: March 12, 2009 - Council suspended proposed rate increase.

March 26, 2009 - Conducted first public hearing on proposed rate increase.

City Charter and the Texas Utilities Code requires Council to hold a public hearing prior to taking any action that affects rates of a franchise holder. This item authorizes the City Council to set the public hearing and allow public comments on staff's recommendation to either adopt the rate tariff as proposed by TGS, adopt a modified rate tariff, or deny the rate request. Council conducted a public hearing on March 26, 2009 to consider this issue and continued that hearing to a later unspecified date. This hearing is the continuation of the hearing commenced on March 26, 2009.