

ORDINANCE NO. 20200123-053

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING A RATE INCREASE PROPOSED BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF THIS ORDINANCE TO TEXAS GAS SERVICE.

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

PART 1. Texas Gas Service, a division of ONEOK, Inc. ("TGS"), filed a Statement of Intent with the City of Austin and other Central-Texas municipalities to increase its rates for natural gas service.

PART 2. The City is authorized under Section 104.107 of the Texas Utilities Code to suspend the effective date of an increase in gas rates for 90 days in order to evaluate the effect of such a rate increase and to determine, whether the rates are appropriate, fair, just, and reasonable to all classes of ratepayers.

PART 3. In accordance with Section 104.107 of the Texas Utilities Code, the Council suspends the effective date of the proposed increase for 90 days so that the City may analyze information and evaluate the proposed rate increase.

PART 4. The Council directs the city manager to: work in coalition with the other affected Texas municipalities and to review and evaluate whether the proposed gas rates are appropriate, fair, just, and reasonable; and, if necessary, intervene as a necessary party in the Railroad Commission of Texas consideration of the rate filing as it affects customers in the unincorporated areas of the Central-Texas region.

PART 5. In accordance with Section 103.022 of the Texas Utilities Code, TGS is directed to reimburse all municipal rate case expenses incurred by the City in relation to the filing.


PART 6. Notice of this ordinance is hereby provided to TGS.

PART 7. This ordinance takes effect on February 3, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED

January 23, 2020

APPROVED:



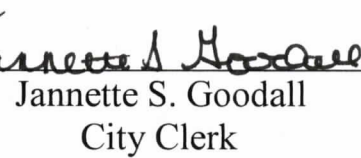
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Mayor

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City Clerk