

News from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission

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MEDIA ADVISORY - PSO RATE CASE

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission today approved* a final order in the Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) rate case. The full final order is attached.

In brief:

- A legislatively-imposed deadline of 180 days applied to this case. After 180 days from the date the case was filed, the law approved by the legislature allows the utility to impose the full rate hike request if the Commission has not made a decision, subject to refund when a Commission decision is made. The 180 day period ended this month.
 - The Commission's handling of the case included two full weeks of public hearings, hundreds of hours and thousands of pages of sworn testimony from dozens of parties to the case, soliciting and receiving comment from the public by telephone, email, mail, and directly before the Commission, and a final public deliberation today.
- PSO had initially requested an overall increase (rates and other charges) of \$126.6 million
- All parties to the case recommended substantial rate increases of varying amounts. This included the Attorney General (who represents consumers before the Commission) at approximately \$75 million, to the OIEC (which represents industrial consumers) at approximately \$40 million. The referee in the case recommended an overall increase of \$92.5 million.
- The Commissioners approved an overall increase of \$81.4 million. Among other things, this includes a \$7.7 million increase in funding for programs (such as line burial) to "harden" the PSO infrastructure against weather. The increase for the average residential consumer is estimated at 7.59% .

*Note: Commissioner Dana Murphy, who took office on Monday, January 12 did not vote on the case.

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