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THE OG&E RATE CASE AND YOU

Murphy wants to keep public “in the loop”

Saying it is vitally important for the public to be kept informed on the rate-making process, Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner Dana Murphy today announced steps that will be taken to educate and inform the public as the Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OG&E) rate case moves through the Commission process.

“First, it’s important that the public know that staff is already hard at work on the matter,” Murphy said. “The Commission’s Public Utility Division has 18 staff members dedicated to the case, and work assignments are being made as we speak. The staffers include auditors, rate analysts, economists, and an engineer. The complex areas they are looking at include the Company’s rate base, operating income (revenues and expenses), capital structure, depreciation, the proposed return on equity, and other subjects. Staff’s work includes not only extensive hours in the office, but on-site visits to OG&E facilities as well.”

Murphy noted that other parties to the case are also hard at work.

“There are many parties to a rate case,” she explained. “For example, the Attorney General represents the ratepayers before the Commission in such cases. Other parties include industrial consumers of electricity and shareholders of the company, to name just a few.

“It is the Commissioners’ task to weigh all the arguments and evidence presented from all parties to the case, and make a fair and balanced decision,” added Murphy.

Murphy said steps are being taken so the public can follow the case.

“We will soon have a link on our home page (www.occeweb.com) to all the documents that will be filed in the case. These include the original application, pre-filed testimony and other evidence, and many other items.” said Murphy. “The link will also include a section to allow the public to send comments on the case. The public can also comment on the case by mail or by calling (405) 521-2308.

“In addition, the public is welcome to attend all hearings in the matter. Once the Commissioners themselves get the case, time is set aside to allow the public to speak,” added Murphy.

The Corporation Commissioners are expected to make a decision in the OG&E case this summer. OG&E is requesting an annual increase of \$110 million.

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