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April 10, 2024

Sen. Terry Rice
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
c/o Marty Garrity
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State Capitol, Rm 315
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: PSC Quarterly Reports a/o March 31, 2024

Dear Ms. Garrity:

Enclosed please find the quarterly rate case report of the Arkansas Public Service Commission for the period ending March 31, 2024.

This report is also available on our website at www.arkansas.gov/psc.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karen Shook

Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure

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ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
QUARTERLY REPORT ON STATUS OF UTILITY RATE APPLICATIONS
PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-420
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED
MARCH 31, 2024

GENERAL RATE CASE FILINGS PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-401

DOCKET:	23-074-U
COMPANY:	Black Hills Energy Arkansas, Inc. (BHEA)
CASE STYLE:	In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Energy Arkansas, Inc. for Approval of a General Change in Rates and Tariffs.
CASE FILED:	December 4, 2023
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>BHEA’s current authorized retail revenue requirement is \$137,725,321. The Company’s requested retail revenue requirement is \$183,877,502. The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer is \$15.31 or 21%. The proposed percentage increase by rate class is as follows:</p> <p>Residential – 34.78% Small Business – 33.83% Medium Business – 8.84% Large Business – 19.34% Gas Lights – 3.77%</p> <p>According to BHEA, the requested \$44.1 million increase in revenues is based on an increase in capital investments, increased operating expenses, and increased cost of capital since rates were last approved in Docket No. 21-097-U.</p>
STATUS:	The General Staff of the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Attorney General of Arkansas are in the process of analyzing BHEA’s filing and will file Direct Testimony on May 23, 2024.
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	<p>Per Order No. 3, issued February 13, 2024:</p> <p>Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony May 23, 2024</p>

	Company Rebuttal Testimony	June 19, 2024
	Staff/Intervenor Surrebuttal Testimony	July 19, 2024
	Company Sur-Surrebuttal Testimony	July 29, 2024
	Settlement or Issues List	August 12, 2024
	Testimony in Support/Opposition of Settlement	August 16, 2024
	Evidentiary Hearing	August 22, 2024
	Public Comment Hearing	August 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Fayetteville Public Library 401 W. Mountain Street Fayetteville, AR 72701
	Public Comment Hearing	August 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Manila High School Auditorium 404 S. Davis Street Manila, AR 72442
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	October 3, 2024	
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov	

DOCKET:	23-079-U														
COMPANY:	Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc. (SUA)														
CASE STYLE:	In the Matter of the Application of Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc. for a General Change or Modification in Rates, Charges, and Tariffs.														
CASE FILED:	January 25, 2024														
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>SUA’s currently authorized retail requirement is \$169,474,093. The Company’s requested retail revenue requirement is \$279,949,398. The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer is \$18.48 or 29.4%. The proposed percentage increase by rate class is as follows:</p> <p>Residential – 29.3% SCS-1 – 14.6% SCS-2 – 0% SCS-3 – 0% LCS-1 – 61.1%</p> <p>According to SUA, the requested increase in revenues is driven by (1) level of capital investment in the system and the resulting increase in depreciation expense, (2) “interim rates” that understated SUA’s revenue requirement at the time they were put into effect, (3) weighted average cost of capital and its proposed capital structure, (4) and income taxes.</p>														
STATUS:	The General Staff and Intervenors are currently analyzing SUA’s filing and will file Direct Testimony on July 10, 2024.														
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	<p>Per Order No. 4, issued March 11, 2024:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Staff/Intervenors Direct Testimony</td> <td>July 10, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Company Rebuttal Testimony</td> <td>August 7, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff/Intervenors Surrebuttal Testimony</td> <td>September 9, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Company Sur-Surrebuttal Testimony</td> <td>September 20, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Settlement or Issues List</td> <td>October 4, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Testimony in Opposition to Settlement</td> <td>October 9, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evidentiary Hearing</td> <td>October 15, 2024</td> </tr> </table>	Staff/Intervenors Direct Testimony	July 10, 2024	Company Rebuttal Testimony	August 7, 2024	Staff/Intervenors Surrebuttal Testimony	September 9, 2024	Company Sur-Surrebuttal Testimony	September 20, 2024	Settlement or Issues List	October 4, 2024	Testimony in Opposition to Settlement	October 9, 2024	Evidentiary Hearing	October 15, 2024
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	Public Comment Hearing	October 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD Texarkana, AR
	Public Comment Hearing	October 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD Jonesboro, AR
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	November 25, 2024	
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov	

DOCKET:	23-067-U
COMPANY:	Liberty Utilities (Arkansas Water) Corp. (LUAW)
CASE STYLE:	In The Matter of the Application of Liberty Utilities (Arkansas Water) Corp. for Approval of a General Change or Modification in Rates, Charges, and Tariffs.
CASE FILED:	March 14, 2024
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>LUAW’s current retail revenue is \$2,315,900 (White Hall Sewer: \$1,121,322, White Hall Water: \$1,031,170, Woodson-Hensley Water: \$163,408). The Company’s requested retail revenue requirement is \$4,565,548 (White Hall Sewer: \$2,159,714, White Hall Water: \$1,906,384, Woodson-Hensley Water: \$499,450). The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer using 6 ccfs per month for White Hall Sewer is \$43.98 or 118%, White Hall Water is \$32.74 or 89%, Woodson-Hensley Water is \$47.96 or 188%. The proposed percentage increase by rate class is as follows:</p> <p>White Hall Sewer Residential – 94.4%</p> <p>White Hall Water Residential – 82.6% Commercial – 107.1%</p> <p>Woodson-Hensley Water Residential – 185.4% Commercial – 319.7%</p> <p>According to LUAW, the main drivers in any increase in revenue requirement are plant investment, increases in operating costs, and establishing authorized return on equity. This is the Company’s first general rate case in Arkansas.</p>
STATUS:	The General Staff and Intervenors are currently reviewing LUAW’s application and developing their respective positions.
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	To be determined by future Commission order.

STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	January 13, 2025
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov

FORMULA RATE REVIEW ACT FILINGS PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-1201

DOCKET:	18-046-FR
COMPANY:	Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E)
CASE STYLE:	In the Matter of the Formula Rate Plan Filings of Oklahoma Gas & Electric Pursuant to APSC Docket No. 16-052-U
CASE FILED:	October 2, 2023
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>OG&E's requested incremental revenue change is \$4,738,358. The estimated monthly impact to the average residential customer is \$2.58 or 1.88%.</p> <p>According to OG&E, the Historic Year revenue deficiency in this filing is driven primarily by increased revenues, increased O&M expense primarily attributable to vegetation management and pensions, additional investments in plant, and a change in the proportion of costs allocated to the Arkansas jurisdiction.</p>
STATUS:	<p>On January 12, 2024, OG&E filed its Rebuttal Testimony.</p> <p>On January 30, 2024, the Parties filed a joint Settlement Agreement along with Supporting Testimony.</p> <p>Order No. 26, issued February 1, 2024, canceled the evidentiary hearing so that the Commission may consider the Settlement Agreement.</p> <p>Order No. 27, issued March 7, 2024, approved the Settlement Agreement. The average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month will experience an increase of \$1.89 or approximately 1.40%.</p>
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	None
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	March 11, 2024
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov

FILINGS PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-1101

DOCKET:	23-072-U
COMPANY:	Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC)
CASE STYLE:	In the Matter of the Application of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation for Modification of Rates and Charges
CASE FILED:	December 5, 2023
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>AECC seeks approval for an increase in its demand and energy charges in an amount equal to 5% of its total gross revenue for calendar year 2022. This represents approximately \$63.8 million in additional revenue for AECC.</p> <p>Sixteen of the seventeen member cooperatives filed for approval to pass through the increase.</p>
STATUS:	<p>On January 23, 2024, Staff filed Direct Testimony in response to AECC's application.</p> <p>On February 2, 2024, AECC filed its Rebuttal Testimony.</p> <p>Order No. 6, issued March 4, 2024, approved AECC's application. The monthly impact on the residential member-consumers of AECC's member cooperatives will range from approximately \$4.69 to \$6.18 in the summer months and from \$3.96 to \$4.98 in the non-summer months.</p>
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	None
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	March 4, 2024
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