Minutes of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission State of Oklahoma

July 23, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.

These are the minutes for the Corporation Commission's ("Commission") regular meeting conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act on July 23, 2024, in the Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Archived Commission meeting recordings may be accessed on the Commission's website.

The notice and agenda for the meeting were publicly posted at the principal office of the Commission at the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 at 12:30 p.m., July 22, 2024, by Commission employees acting under the direction of Chairman J. Todd Hiett. The notice and agenda are also made available to the public on the Commission's website, oklahoma.gov/occ. A copy of the notice and agenda is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

Chairman Hiett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Todd Hiett, Vice Chairman Kim David, and Commissioner Bob Anthony. A quorum of the Commission was present. Interested persons participated in the meeting in person or by teleconference/videoconference when and as authorized.

Approval of minutes of prior meeting(s) Commissioner Hiett CALLED FOR APPROVAL of the following minutes of prior meetings read for consideration: May 30, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.; June 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.; June 5, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.; June 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.; June 17, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.; June 25, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.; July 2, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. The Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes.

Consideration of proposed or potential orders in cases on attached 24-hour signing agenda docket. The Commission may discuss and consider alterations, revisions, or amendments to the proposed or potential orders. (Votes may be taken on individual cases on the 24-hour signing agenda docket as a whole, or both by individual cases and the remaining docket.) Commissioner Hiett announced the agenda item. The Commissioners unanimously approved the proposed orders, with the exception of an *Order Granting Motion for Order Prescribing Notice* in Case No. PUD2024-000031 and in Case No. PUD2024-000038, in neither of which Commissioner Anthony participated.

Discussion, possible action, and possible public comment, if authorized, on whether proceeding with Item V is procedurally appropriate, including consideration of any concerns with the timeline of the referenced filing given the schedule announced in the case and for which notice was provided in the case, and given that Item V is posted to only allow one commenter to make a presentation in a matter where multiple commenters submitted numerous filings Commissioner Hiett announced the agenda item and recognized William

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Humes, counsel for Oklahoma Gas and Electric ("OG&E"), who offered OG&E's position on this matter. Commissioner Hiett recognized Natasha Scott, chief legal counsel for the Public Utility Division ("PUD"), who offered PUD's position on this matter. Commissioner Hiett recognized Jack Fite, counsel for Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("PSO"), who gave public comment. Commissioner Hiett recognized A. Chase Snodgrass, Deputy Attorney General, who offered the Oklahoma Attorney General's position on this matter. Discussion was held. Commissioner Anthony recognized Mr. David Greenwell, who gave public comment. No actions were taken.

Submitted by Commissioner Bob Anthony:

Ten-minute presentation by David Greenwell, CPA, CFF, CFE regarding his July 8, 2024 "Public Confusion over Audits is Unnecessary and Problematic" public comment filed in OCC Case No. GD 2023-000005 (https://public.occ.ok.gov/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=16824207), followed by possible commissioner questions and discussion. Topics to include the Oklahoma Accountancy Act (59 O.S. § 15.1 et seq.), Title 10 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code governing the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, the 2021 Securitization Act (74 O.S. § 9070 et seq.) and Greenwell's assessments including:

[W]hen "any statute" requires an "audit," the law requires the audit to be conducted by a Certified Public Accountant ("CPA") or Public Accountant ("PA") licensed by the Oklahoma Accountancy Board and "performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in the United States."

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[T]he Rules/Code of Professional Conduct governing the CPAs and PAs legally mandated to conduct statutorily required audits demand that such auditors be independent in fact and appearance.

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From my research, it does not appear the audit activities overseen by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("OCC") have complied with the auditing requirements specified in the statute establishing the 2021 Winter Storm bond program (74 O.S. § 9070 et seq., sometimes called the "Securitization Act"). This compliance failure apparently occurred with respect to the utilities' original February 2021 Winter Storm "Uri" costs (§74- 9073) and to the treatment of the subsequent financing costs incurred by using ratepayer-backed bonds (§74- 9078). Consequently, this assessment applies both to the OCC's past "audit" activities and those it claims are ongoing.

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I respectfully suggest the Oklahoma Corporation Commission examine its compliance with the Oklahoma Accountancy Act – both with respect to the requirements of the Securitization Act and more broadly – so that the agency's internal auditing, review and examination processes and procedures might be brought in line with state statutes and governmental auditing standards in

name and in practice. Further, I caution the Commission to be careful to avoid casually or informally using the term "audit" to describe any of its official responsibilities or activities without ensuring that it is in full compliance with the Oklahoma Statutes when doing so. Following discussion on agenda item number VI, Commissioner Anthony presented this agenda item. No discussion was held.

Case No. PUD2024-000032, Application of Public Service Company of Oklahoma, an Oklahoma Corporation, for a Proceeding before the Commission En Banc as Provided for by Order No. 738226 to Address the Private Letter Ruling Received from the Internal Revenue Service

- A. <u>Discussion, possible hearing and possible vote(s) on Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("PSO")'s Motion to Determine Notice</u>
- B. <u>Discussion</u>, possible hearing and possible vote(s) on PSO's Motion for Procedural Order
- C. Consideration of and possible vote(s) on proposed or potential orders regarding VI(A)-(B), including alterations, revisions, or amendments to such orders proposed at the meeting Commissioner Hiett announced the agenda item, and took appearances from the parties. Commissioner Hiett opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was given. Discussion was held. Commissioner Hiett CALLED FOR A VOTE on both PSO's Motion to Determine Notice and PSO's Motion for Procedural Order.

VOTE: Commissioner Hiett Aye Commissioner David Aye Commissioner Anthony Aye

The orders are approved.

New Business There was no new business.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Kim David, Chairman

ATTESTED this 20th day of August 2024.

Garey L. Wortham, Commission Secretary

OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION Notice of Public Meeting Regular Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all persons that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("Commission") shall meet and conduct business, as follows:

Time, Day, and Date: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Place: Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial

Office Building, 2401 North Lincoln Boulevard,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

The Concourse Theater is in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah

Memorial Office Building in the Capitol Complex

Purpose: Conducting of daily business enumerated in the items below

Posting Division: Chairman J. Todd Hiett

AGENDA

Item	Topic
I	A. Call to order B. Announcement concerning public notice C. Determination of quorum
II	Approval of minutes of prior meeting(s)
III	Consideration of proposed or potential orders in cases on attached 24-hour signing agenda docket. The Commission may discuss and consider alterations, revisions, or amendments to the proposed or potential orders. (Votes may be taken on individual cases on the 24-hour signing agenda docket as a whole, or both by individual cases and the remaining docket.)
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VII	New business A. Any matter not known about and which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours before the meeting B. Possible vote(s) on matters of new business
VIII	Adjournment

The Commission may take up the above items of business in a different sequence than that listed.

The meeting is open to the public.

This notice was posted prominently and publicly at the principal offices of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission at the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 at 12:30 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2024.



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Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 Time: 1:30 PM Place: CONCOURSE THEATER - WILL ROGERS

BUILDING

Case Number PUD2024-000001

Order Type Final

RSO OKC

Parties IMPACT TELECOM LLC (Applicant)

Order Title FINAL ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND
APPROVAL OF INITIAL TARIFF

Relief In Caption IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF IMPACT TELECOM, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE TOLL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Case Number PUD2024-000008

Order Type Final

RSO OKC

Parties TRUCONNECT COMMUNICATIONS INC

(Applicant)

Order Title FINAL ORDER

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF TRUCONNECT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Case Number PUD2024-000012

Order Type Motion

RSO OKC

Parties SUMMIT UTILITIES OKLAHOMA INC (Applicant)

Order Title ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Relief In Caption IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SUMMIT UTILITIES OKLAHOMA, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE PROCESS FOR ACQUISITION OF HYDROGEN FUEL SOURCE AND FOR WAIVER OF APPLICABLE COMPETITIVE BIDDING RULES

Case Number PUD2024-000028

Order Type Final

RSO OKC

Parties ARGENBRIGHT, MARK (Applicant) | ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE LLC (Respondent)

Order Title FINAL ORDER CANCELLING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF MARK ARGENBRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIVISION OF THE OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION, REQUESTING THE CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE, LLC D/B/A ALLSTREAM

Case Number PUD2024-000031

Order Type Motion

RSO OKC

Parties ARGENBRIGHT, MARK (Applicant) | GREENLIGHT GAS LLC (Respondent)

Order Title ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF MARK ARGENBRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIVISION, OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND MONITOR APPLICATION OF THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF GREENLIGHT GAS, LLC, AND WEST TEXAS GAS, INC., AND FIRST NATURAL GAS, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND, FOR A PRUDENCE REVIEW OF THE FUEL PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND COSTS OF GREENLIGHT GAS, LLC, AND WEST TEXAS GAS, INC., AND FIRST NATURAL GAS, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Case Number PUD2024-000031

Order Type Motion

RSO OKC

Parties ARGENBRIGHT, MARK (Applicant) | GREENLIGHT GAS LLC (Respondent)

Order Title ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF MARK ARGENBRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIVISION, OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND MONITOR APPLICATION OF THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF GREENLIGHT GAS, LLC, AND WEST TEXAS GAS, INC., AND FIRST NATURAL GAS, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND, FOR A PRUDENCE REVIEW OF THE FUEL PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND COSTS OF GREENLIGHT GAS, LLC, AND WEST TEXAS GAS, INC., AND FIRST NATURAL GAS, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Case Number PUD2024-000035

Order Type Final

RSO OKC

Parties SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY (Applicant) | LEVEL 3 TELECOM OF OKLAHOMA LLC (Applicant)

Order Title FINAL ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, D/B/A AT&T OKLAHOMA SEEKING OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T OKLAHOMA AND LEVEL 3 TELECOM OF OKLAHOMA, LLC

Case Number PUD2024-000036

Order Type Final

RSO OKC

Parties ATLAS TELEPHONE COMPANY ET AL (Applicant)

Order Title FINAL ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF ATLAS TELEPHONE COMPANY, ET AL FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE ORTC INTRASTATE ACCESS TARIFF

Case Number PUD2024-000038

Order Type Motion

RSO OKC

Parties ARGENBRIGHT, MARK (Applicant) |
OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY (Respondent)

Order Title ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF MARK ARGENBRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIVISION, OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND MONITOR APPLICATION OF THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023, AND FOR A PRUDENCE REVIEW OF THE FUEL PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND COSTS OF OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Case Number PUD2024-000038

Order Type Motion

RSO OKC

Parties ARGENBRIGHT, MARK (Applicant) | OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (Respondent)

Order Title ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF MARK ARGENBRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIVISION, OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND MONITOR APPLICATION OF THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023, AND FOR A PRUDENCE REVIEW OF THE FUEL PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND COSTS OF OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Case Number PUD2024-000039

Order Type Motion

RSO OKC

Parties ARGENBRIGHT, MARK (Applicant) | LIBERTY-EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY (Respondent)

Order Title ORDER GRANTING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Relief In Caption APPLICATION OF MARK ARGENBRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY DIVISION, OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND MONITOR APPLICATION OF THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF LIBERTY-EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY, A KANSAS CORPORATION, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND, FOR A PRUDENCE REVIEW OF THE FUEL PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND COSTS OF LIBERTY-EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY, A KANSAS CORPORATION, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023