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City Council Votes to Appeal Texas Gas Service Rate Case Decision

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso City Council today voted to continue the City’s fight for local ratepayers by authorizing the City Attorney to appeal the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) decision in the Texas Gas Service (TGS) rate case.

On February 16, the Council authorized the City Attorney to file a motion for rehearing with the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC). A decision on the motion for the rehearing is still pending.

Together, these steps ensure the City is using every available legal avenue to challenge TGS’s rate case by appealing the RRC’s final decision and asking the courts to review whether the decision complies with state law and is supported by the record.

The City has opposed TGS’s efforts to increase rates and consolidate customers into uniform statewide pricing, citing concerns about long-term cost shifting and impacts to El Paso ratepayers.

“Our vote and authorized action reflect what we have heard from residents,” said Mayor Renard U. Johnson. “People want a fair process and a fair outcome. We are requesting a rehearing, and we are prepared to appeal the RRC’s decision because we do not believe El Paso ratepayers should be asked to carry costs that do not belong to them.”

Timeline: The City’s Actions to Protect Ratepayers

The City of El Paso has actively advocated for residents throughout the TGS rate case process:

- **June 30, 2025:** Texas Gas Service filed its rate request.
- **July 21, 2025:** City Council voted to suspend the proposed rate increase for 90 days to allow for review and analysis.
- **October 27, 2025:** City Council directed staff to schedule a public hearing and authorized settlement negotiations.
- **November 17, 2025:** Following a public hearing, City Council voted to deny TGS’s proposed rate increase under the City’s original jurisdiction.
- **February 5, 2026:** The Railroad Commission of Texas issued its final order in the case.
- **February 16, 2026:** City Council voted to file a motion for rehearing with the Railroad Commission of Texas.
- **March 2, 2026:** City Council authorized judicial review of the Railroad Commission of Texas decision.

The City will continue to provide updates as the judicial review process moves forward.

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