

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

March 20, 2017

OGE ENERGY CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Oklahoma

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-12579

(Commission File Number)

73-1481638

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

321 North Harvey, P.O. Box 321, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

73101-0321

(Zip Code)

405-553-3000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events

OGE Energy Corp. (the "Company") is the parent company of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company ("OG&E"), a regulated electric utility with approximately 835,000 customers in Oklahoma and western Arkansas. In addition, the Company holds a 25.7 percent limited partner interest and a 50 percent general partner interest in Enable Midstream Partners, LP.

As previously reported, on December 18, 2015, OG&E filed an application with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("OCC") requesting an annual rate increase of \$92.5 million and a 10.25 percent return on equity to begin recovering \$1.6 billion of electrical infrastructure additions since OG&E's last general rate case in 2012. The hearing on the merits for OG&E's rate case application was heard by an administrative law judge ("ALJ") and concluded in May 2016.

On July 1, 2016 OG&E implemented an annual interim rate increase of \$69.5 million which is subject to refund of any amount recovered in excess of the rates ultimately approved by the OCC in the rate case. On December 8, 2016, the ALJ issued a report and recommendations in the case, which included a return on equity of 9.87 percent and which OG&E believed would result in an annual revenue increase of \$43.6 million.

On March 20, 2017, the OCC held hearings and issued a Final Order. The Final Order is expected to result in an annual net increase of approximately \$8.9 million in OG&E's rates to its Oklahoma retail customers. Although the Final Order adopted certain of the recommendation set forth in the ALJ Report, it differs in certain key respects.

The primary adjustments to the ALJ Report are as follows:

- OG&E's Oklahoma retail authorized rate of return on equity will be 9.5 percent;
- Depreciation expense is reduced by approximately \$28.6 million from the ALJ Report or \$36.4 million from current rates on an annual basis;
- Recovery of only fifty percent of short-term incentive compensation and no recovery of long-term incentive compensation;
- Recovery of OG&E's requested vegetation management expense; and
- Recovery of production tax credits expiring in 2017 and air quality control systems consumable costs through the fuel adjustment clause.

As a result of the Final Order, OG&E will refund to its ratepayers any excess amounts that it had collected in interim rates, subject to refund.

Based on the OCC rate order, the Company expects OG&E to be at the lower end of the 2017 earnings guidance range of \$1.58 to \$1.70, assuming normal weather patterns for the remainder of the year.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing the Final Order is attached as Exhibit 99.01 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibit

Exhibit Number

Description

99.01

Press release dated March 20, 2017, announcing OG&E's response to the Oklahoma rate case order.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

OGE ENERGY CORP.

(Registrant)

By: _____ /s/ Scott Forbes
Scott Forbes
Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

March 23, 2017

OG&E disappointed by Oklahoma rate case order

More than a year after filing for a rate increase with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Oklahoma Gas and Electric received an order granting an \$8.9 million rate increase. This is the first increase granted to OG&E since 2012.

"While the Commission did allow the recovery of \$1.6 billion in investment we made in new electric infrastructure since our last rate case, they extended the useful financial lives of some of that equipment beyond 100 years," OG&E spokesman Brian Alford said. "While that lowers rates today, it shifts the burden to customers in the future. We are disappointed by this approach."

The company expressed disappointment over individual components of the order including the allowed return on equity. The Commission ordered a 9.5 percent ROE, down from the company's current 10.2 percent.

"The national average for comparable utility ROEs is currently 9.77 percent, and OG&E is a high performing utility," Alford said. "Our rates are among the lowest in the country, reliability is strong and customer satisfaction high and yet we received an ROE well below the national average."

The final order will result in a monthly increase of approximately 71 cents per month for an average residential customer which will be offset by a refund from interim rates that were put into effect in July, 2016.

"As a result of this rate order, we will evaluate all of our options including customer investments and programs," Alford said.