## BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING APPLICANT TO MODIFY ITS RATES, CHARGES, AND TARIFFS FOR RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE IN OKLAHOMA

CASE NO. PUD 2023-000087

#### **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, hereinafter referred to as "Applicant," "OG&E," or "Company," in accordance with 17 Okla. Stat. 152 and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's ("Commission") rules promulgated thereunder, alleges, and shows as follows:

## I. <u>Parties</u>

OG&E is an investor owned electric public utility with plant, property, and other assets dedicated to and for the generation, production, transmission, distribution and sale of electric power at retail levels within the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas. OG&E is incorporated within the State of Oklahoma, is subject to the regulatory authority of this Commission with respect to its retail rates and charges within the State of Oklahoma, and has the following address as its principal place of business:

321 N. Harvey Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

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### II. Facts

A. Applicant's current base rates and charges were approved by the Commission in Cause No. PUD 202100164 (ECF Case PUD 2021-000164) by its Order No. 728277 issued on September 8, 2022, based on a test year ending September 30, 2021. Applicant is not earning sufficient operating income to produce a fair and reasonable return on capital or a fair and reasonable return on the value of its plant, property and other assets dedicated to public utility service within the State of Oklahoma. Applicant must have increased rates and consequent additional revenues if Applicant is to continue to provide adequate and reliable electric service and earn a fair, just and reasonable rate of return on its investment.

B. On November 13, 2023, pursuant to OAC 165:70-3-7 of the Commission's Minimum Standard Filing Requirements, OG&E filed its Notice of Intent, advising the Commission of its intent to file an Application seeking Commission review of OG&E's rates, charges and tariffs for retail electric service within the State of Oklahoma.

C. OG&E brings this Application, based upon a test year ending September 30, 2023, to initiate proceedings to review the rates, charges and tariffs of OG&E, and for the establishment of fair and reasonable rates and charges upon completion of the Commission's review. OG&E tenders with the filing of this Application its complete Application Package as required by OAC 165:70-3-1, and following the filing of the Application Package, the Company will provide the Public Utility Division its Supplemental Package as required by OAC 165:70-5-20.

D. OG&E is requesting a change in its rates that will result in an increase of approximately \$332.5 million when compared to OG&E's rates that were implemented in Cause No. PUD 202100164. OG&E expects this change will be effective no later than mid July 2024. The request is for rates sufficient to achieve a 10.5 percent return on 53.5% percent equity, which Applicant believes to be a fair, just, and reasonable rate.

E. OG&E's primary purpose for seeking a change in rates is to recover the costs associated with increased capital investment the Company has undertaken since its last general rate case, an updated Return on Equity to reflect recent market conditions, updated depreciation expense, and increased vegetation management expense and an associated tracker. OG&E also seeks recovery of and regulatory treatment for other certain costs and other specific changes to its tariffs and riders.

## III. Legal Authority.

The Commission has jurisdiction in these proceedings by virtue of Article IX, Sections 18 through 35 of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma statutes, including 17 O.S. §151 *et seq.*, 17 O.S. §250 *et seq.*, and the Commission's rules.

# IV. <u>Relief Requested.</u>

WHEREFORE, premises considered, OG&E requests that the Commission, issue an order authorizing Applicant to adjust its retail rates subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission by the amount hereinabove set forth, authorizing Applicant to file changes in tariffs and terms and conditions of service, as well as all other relief requested in the testimony and exhibits filed by OG&E in this cause and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems appropriate under the circumstances. Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was electronically transmitted via the ECF system and email to :

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