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## **Federal**

### **Another Extension Granted in HB 6 Case (Case No. 1:20-MJ-00526)**

**Summary:** Larry Householder and Matt Borges are the only remaining defendants in the federal criminal HB 6 case following Neil Clark's death and plea agreements between the federal government and Generation Now, Inc., Juan Cespedes, and Jeffrey Longstreth.

This week, the judge overseeing the case granted Householder and Borges' request for an additional 30 days to review discovery responses from prosecutors. Once the discovery phase is complete, the next step in the case is the filing of motions. The parties will hold their next status conference Oct. 5, when they will brief the judge on their ability to move forward with the case.

## **Duke**

### **Settlement Filed to Resolve Outstanding Duke MGP Cases (Case Nos. 20-053-EL-RDR, et al.)**

**Summary:** Duke, the PUCO staff, and others filed a settlement with the PUCO to resolve several outstanding manufactured gas plant (MGP) cases. In exchange for improvements to the settlement and concessions by Duke, OMAEG agreed to not oppose.

Some benefits of the settlement include the elimination of certain charges for environmental investigation and remediation costs, credits on customers' utility bills for federal income tax (FIT) expense reductions, and decreases in natural gas base rates that customers pay. As a result of the adjustments and immediate credits, if the settlement is approved, customers will not see any rate increase related to MGP remediation costs incurred through Dec. 31, 2019, will not be billed for MGP river investigation costs, and will not be billed for remediation expenses related to the inaccessible areas of the MGP site.

**Duke to File for Distribution Rate Increase  
(Case Nos. 21-887-EL-AIR, et al.)**

**Summary:** Duke filed a notice of its intent to file an application for an increase in its electric distribution rates on or about Oct. 1, 2021. Duke proposed using the 12 months ending March 31, 2022 as the test year for the filing and June 30, 2021 as the date certain for determining its base rates.