

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 5, 2019

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF NAVITAS TN NG, LLC FOR)	DOCKET NO.
APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE)	19-00057
RATES, CHARGES AND TARIFFS)	

**ORDER GRANTING CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S MOTION
TO SUBMIT MORE THAN FORTY DISCOVERY REQUESTS**

This matter came before the Hearing Officer upon the *Consumer Advocate's Motion to Submit More than Forty Discovery Requests* ("Motion") filed by the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Unit of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") on October 18, 2019, requesting to serve Navitas TN NG, LLC (the "Company" or "Navitas") more than forty discovery requests pursuant to Commission Rule 1220-1-2-.11. The Consumer Advocate states that Navitas is aware of the *Motion* and does not object.

Commission Rule 1220-1-2-.11 states as follows:

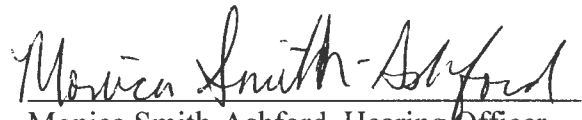
No party shall serve on any other party more than forty (40) discovery requests including sub-parts without first having obtained leave of the Commission or a Hearing Officer. Any motion seeking permission to serve more than forty (40) discovery requests shall set forth the additional requests. The motion shall be accompanied by a memorandum establishing good cause for the service of additional interrogatories or requests for production. If a party is served with more than forty (40) discovery requests without an order authorizing the same, such party need only respond to the first forty (40) requests.

Commission Rules allow a minimum of forty discovery requests to be served upon a party. The Commission has routinely allowed additional discovery requests in rate cases due to the

extraordinary amount of information necessary to evaluate a rate case petition. The Hearing Officer finds that good cause exists to grant the Consumer Advocate's *Motion* and Navitas does not object to the additional discovery requests. However, the Hearing Officer cautions parties to completely comply with the specific provisions of the Commission Rules. Based on these findings, the Hearing Officer concludes the *Motion* to issue more than forty discovery requests is well taken and should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The *Consumer Advocate's Motion to Submit More than Forty Discovery Requests* is granted.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer