

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING)	CASE NO.
THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO 2,000,000 SHARES)	2014-00286
OF COMMON STOCK THROUGH ITS DIRECT)	
STOCK PURCHASE PLAN)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and ten copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within ten days of the date of this request. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Atmos shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which

Atmos fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Atmos shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

1. Refer to paragraph 1 of Atmos's application. Provide a complete description of the Atmos Energy Corporation Direct Stock Purchase Plan ("DSPP"), including any changes that have occurred since Atmos was authorized to issue 2,000,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the plan in Case No. 2008-00382.¹

2. Provide the estimated dollar amount to be generated through the proposed stock issuance based on Atmos's current stock price.

3. Using the June 30, 2014 balance sheet provided in Exhibit A, page 5, of the application, provide:

a. Atmos's capital structure reflecting the estimated amount of additional common stock to be issued, as shown in the response to Item 2 above.

b. Atmos's capital structure reflecting the estimated amount of additional common stock to be issued as proposed in this application, plus the additional common stock proposed to be issued in Case No. 2014-00285.²

¹ Case No. 2008-00382, Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of up to 2,000,000 Shares of Common Stock Through its Direct Stock Purchase Plan (Ky. PSC Oct. 9, 2008).


² Case No. 2014-00285, Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of up to 2,000,000 Shares of Common Stock Through the Atmos Energy Corporation Retirement Savings Plan (Ky. PSC filed Aug. 8, 2014).

4. Refer to paragraph 2 of the application. Confirm that the DSPP allows the 3 percent discount only for reinvested dividends and not for the purchase of common stock.

5. Refer to paragraph 3 of the application. Provide projections of the capital expenditures to be financed; debt reductions; and capitalization ratio and credit rating improvements expected as a result of the proposed stock issuance.

6. For the 2,000,000 DSPQ common stock issuance authorized in Case No. 2008-00382, provide the number of shares of stock that were issued and the total amount of funds raised.

7. Refer to Exhibit A, page 1, of Atmos's application, which states, "References preceding each subpart of this Exhibit pertain to subsections of Sections 6 and 11 of 807 KAR 5:001." In 2013, the Commission amended certain of its regulations, including those referenced in Exhibit A. Provide an amended Exhibit A to conform to the Commission's current regulations.



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