

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF THIRD)	
PARTY NATURAL GAS SUPPLY AND ASSET)	CASE NO.
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND FOR A)	2015-00161
DEVIATION FROM THE PRICING REQUIREMENTS)	
OF KRS 278.2207)	

ORDER

On July 7, 2015, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos), filed a petition, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, requesting that the Commission grant confidential protection for an indefinite period for certain materials filed with the Commission.

In support of its petition, Atmos states that the designated materials that it requests to be held confidential is contained in the gas supply and asset management agreement consisting of an Addendum to Base Contract For Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas. The designated materials are described as prices, purchase volumes and flexibility, points of receipt and delivery, expiration dates, and other competitively sensitive information contained throughout the Addendum.

Having considered the petition and the materials at issue, the Commission finds that the designated materials described in Atmos's July 7, 2015 petition meet the criteria for confidential treatment and are exempted from public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Atmos's July 7, 2015 petition for confidential protection is granted.

2. The designated materials shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period, or until further Orders of this Commission.

3. Use of the designated materials in any Commission proceeding shall be in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).

4. Atmos shall inform the Commission if the designated materials become publicly available or no longer qualify for confidential treatment.

5. If a non-party to this proceeding requests to inspect the designated materials and the period during which the materials have been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Atmos shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the materials still fall within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Atmos is unable to make such demonstration, the designated materials shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the designated materials available for inspection for 30 days following an Order finding that the materials no longer qualify for confidential treatment in order to allow Atmos to seek a remedy afforded by law.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve R. Puro". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

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