

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING)	
THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO 2,000,000 SHARES)	CASE NO.
OF COMMON STOCK THROUGH THE ATMOS)	2016-00447
ENERGY CORPORATION RETIREMENT)	
SAVINGS 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 on or before February 1, 2017. 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. When filing a paper containing personal information, Atmos shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Application, paragraph 1. Provide and discuss any changes to the Atmos Energy Corporation Retirement Savings Plan and Trust ("RSP") that have occurred since Atmos filed its last request for additional shares of Common Stock pursuant to the RSP in Case No. 2014-00285.¹

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

3. Based on prior RSP offers, provide the expected level of employee purchase participation.

4. Refer to the Application, paragraph 3. Provide projections of the capital expenditures to be financed, debt reductions, and capitalization ratio and credit ratings improvements that are expected as a result of the proposed stock issuance.

¹ 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 Oct. 2, 2014).

5. Explain whether there have been any changes to the Atmos corporate organization since the completion of Case No. 2014-00285² and if so what effect, if any, there was to Atmos's operations and debt/equity ratio.

6. Refer to the Application, Exhibit A, page 4 of 5. Using the September 30, 2016 balance sheet, provide Atmos's capital structure reflecting the estimated amount of additional common stock to be issued, as shown in the response to Item 2 above.

7. For the 2,000,000 RSP common stock issuance authorized in Case No. 2014-00285, provide the number of shares of stock that were issued and the total amount of funds raised.



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² *Id.*

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