

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR AUTHORITY TO)	CASE NO.
DEVIATE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF)	2017-00169
807 KAR 5:006 SECTION 26(5)(A)1.C. AND)	
5(C))	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST 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. The information requested herein is due no later than May 31, 2017. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witnesses 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 partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the 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, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall 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. Provide an explanation of any problems found with the accessibility or operability of Atmos's curb boxes and valves on service lines, and any repairs necessitated, as a result of the last three annual inspections.

2. Provide an explanation of the equipment Atmos's service technicians employ when performing inspections of the curb boxes and valves on service lines. State whether service technicians are equipped with air compressors for curb boxes potentially filled with dirt.

3. Provide the percentage of curb boxes and valves on service lines that were required to be excavated in order to achieve access for Atmos's last three annual inspections.

4. Provide an explanation of how the sample group of curb boxes and valves on service lines will be chosen in any given year to ensure that all curb boxes and valves on service lines are tested within a period of three years.

5. Refer to the Application, page 4.

a. State in what counties the 3,360 curb boxes are located, how many curb boxes are in each county, whether they are in rural or relatively populated areas, and whether any are in high consequence areas.

b. Provide a breakdown of the costs included in the \$161,280 estimated annual inspection cost, and the remaining \$53,761 cost if Atmos's request is approved and the estimated cost savings of \$107,519 per year is realized.



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