

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ATMOS GATHERING COMPANY REQUEST )  
FOR SPECIAL PERMIT TO INSTALL )  
REINFORCED THERMOPLASTIC PIPE ) CASE NO. 2009-00417  
(RTP) FOR GAS-GATHERING PROJECTS )  
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )

SECOND DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF  
TO ATMOS GATHERING COMPANY

Atmos Gathering Company ("Atmos Gathering") is to file with the Commission the original and five copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than June 11, 2010. 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 Gathering 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 Gathering 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 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 applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

1. Refer to Atmos Gathering's response to Item 2 of Commission Staff's First Data Request. Atmos Gathering states that it has not received approval of or installed reinforced thermoplastic pipe ("RTP") in any other state. State whether Atmos Gathering is aware of any other entity using RTP in any other jurisdiction. If yes, provide the following information if known:

a. State the jurisdiction in which RTP has been approved for use by the state commission and is being installed or operated.

b. The name of the utility or pipeline company using RTP and the length of such pipeline currently being installed or operated.

c. The date of installation, the maximum allowable operating pressure, and the actual operating pressure of the pipeline.

d. Explain whether Atmos Gathering is aware of any problems experienced on currently installed RTP.

2. Refer to Atmos Gathering's response to Item 4 of Commission Staff's First Data Request. Atmos Gathering states that a third-party independent emissions testing company performed field tests for Flexpipe on 174,000 feet of Flexpipe natural gas gathering lines and 140 Flexpipe couplings. Provide the following:

- a. The name of the third-party independent emissions testing company.
- b. The date the field tests were performed.
- c. Explain whether the tests were performed on one continuous line or separate lines.
- d. Explain whether the testing was performed on RTP that is currently in operation and the location of such lines.
- e. Explain if any similar tests/studies have been conducted on Flexpipe and couplings after having been in service for more than two years.

3. Refer to the "Technical Details" section of the Application.

- a. State whether Atmos Gathering has performed its own pressure testing or whether all testing was performed by Flexpipe.
- b. Atmos Gathering states that confidential cyclic pressure performance and pressure design basis and design factor test data are available. Provide this information. Atmos Gathering may file a petition for confidential protection pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for any information it believes warrants such treatment.

4. Refer to the "Flexpipe Product Information" section of the Application in regard to the "Flexpipe Track Record" subsection. Provide further details and references for the five gas distribution systems in Canada.

5. Refer to Atmos Gathering's response to Item 2 of Commission Staff's First Data Request and Section 1 of the Application. Atmos Gathering states that the project involves 23 miles of gas gathering pipelines with only around 10 percent in regulated Class 2 gathering areas.

a. Explain Atmos Gathering's intentions with regard to the use of RTP in the remaining 21 miles of pipeline in the event the Commission does not approve a deviation on the 10 percent of pipe that is located in Class 2 gathering areas.

b. In the event a deviation is not approved and Atmos Gathering installs RTP in the 21 miles of the project that are located in Class 1, explain how Atmos Gathering will connect the pipeline to the Class 2 gathering line.

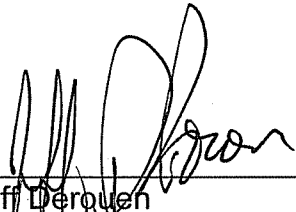
c. State the location of the connections on each end of the 23 miles of proposed pipeline. Specifically, state whether the connections on each end of the pipeline are located in Kentucky. If yes, explain the connections that will be made to the existing pipeline on each end of the proposed project.

6. KRS 278.485 requires every gas pipeline company obtaining gas from producing wells located within this state, upon the request of the owner of the property on or over which any producing well or gas-gathering pipeline is located or the owner of real estate whose property and point of desired service are located within one-half air mile of said company's producing gas well or gas-gathering pipeline, to furnish gas service to such owner or applicant.

a. State whether Atmos Gathering is obtaining gas from a producing well in this state and whether the gathering line at issue in this proceeding is connected to such well.

b. If the answer to 5.a. is yes, explain how Atmos Gathering will make the necessary connections, including a description of all appurtenances that will be required, to furnish gas to a requesting owner or applicant.

c. Explain whether Atmos Gathering's response to Item 3 of Commission Staff's First Data Request concerning shut-off is reasonable if it is required to serve customers pursuant to KRS 278.485.



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