

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR MODIFICATION AND)	
EXTENSION OF ITS GAS COST)	CASE NO. 2010-00353
ADJUSTMENT PERFORMANCE-BASED)	
RATE-MAKING MECHANISM)	

INITIAL INFORMATION REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF
TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and 10 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than 10 days from the date of this Order. 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.

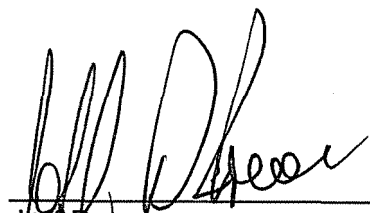
Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

1. Provide, for three of the 12 most recent calendar months, illustrative calculations using actual published indices to show the effect of eliminating Natural Gas Week and Gas Daily indices from baseload calculations as proposed by Atmos.

2. Explain why Atmos believes the proposed elimination of two indices will be well-received by potential vendors and whether it has received complaints concerning the existing indices.

3. Explain whether there are other indices that could be substituted for the two proposed to be eliminated that would be more relevant in calculating the benchmarks for the Supply Area Index factor for Base Load and the Delivery Area Index factor for Base Load.

4. Refer to Tab 4, page 3 of the application. Did Atmos intend that the second text change (T) indicated on Tariff page P.S.C. No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 30 Canceling Second Revised Sheet No. 30 should indicate New York Mercantile Exchange rather than Gas Daily?



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

DATED: OCT 12 2010

cc: Parties of Record

Mark R Hutchinson
Wilson, Hutchinson & Poteat
611 Frederica Street
Owensboro, KY 42301