

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING A)	CASE NO.
TERM LOAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED)	2015-00384
\$200 MILLION)	

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 eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within seven days of the date of this request. 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, 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 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. Explain how the loan amount of \$200 million was determined. Include any analysis or study Atmos has performed in the determination of the \$200 million.
2. Provide a list of the banks that might provide the \$200 million of borrowed funds.
3. Refer to the Application, paragraph 2 and 9.
 - a. Explain whether Atmos expects the term loan to be paid off in five years or refinanced.
 - b. Provide the interest rate range of the variable rate of interest.
 - c. Provide an estimate of fees that will be associated with closing up to four term loans.
 - d. Paragraph 2 states that the Board of Directors of Atmos authorized negotiation through the end of fiscal 2016 for the loan at issue in this matter. Paragraph 9 seeks an expedited decision pursuant to KRS 278.300 so that the loan may be executed as soon as negotiation with the banks is complete. State the date by which Atmos requests an expedited decision.

4. Refer to the Application, paragraph 3, which states, "The net proceeds from the Term Loan will be used for the repayment of all or a portion of the Company's short-term debt, for the purchase, acquisition, or construction of additional properties, as well as improvement to the Company's existing utility plant and general corporate purposes." Explain whether any of the funds will be spent in Kentucky, and if so, whether any of the funds expended for utility plant will require a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

5. Provide Atmos's current debt/equity ratio and the debt/equity ratio once the funds of the term loan have been borrowed.



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