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 ADJUSTMENT PERFORMANCE BASED)RATEMAKING MECHANISM)

CASE NO. 2015-00298

<u>ORDER</u>

On August 31, 2015, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos), filed a petition, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, requesting that the Commission grant confidential protection for an indefinite period for certain materials filed with the Commission.

In support of its petition, Atmos states that the designated materials that it requests to be held confidential is contained in Exhibit A in its entirety. The designated materials are described as its current annual report and four-year evaluation report regarding the PBR program for April 2011 through May 2015.

Having considered the petition and the materials at issue, the Commission finds that the designated materials described in Atmos's August 31, 2015 petition meet the criteria for confidential treatment and are exempted from public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Atmos's August 31, 2015 petition for confidential protection is granted.

 The designated materials shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period, or until further Orders of this Commission. 3. Use of the designated materials in any Commission proceeding shall be in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).

4. Atmos shall inform the Commission if the designated materials become publicly available or no longer qualify for confidential treatment.

5. If a non-party to this proceeding requests to inspect the designated materials and the period during which the materials have been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Atmos shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the materials still fall within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Atmos is unable to make such demonstration, the designated materials shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the designated materials available for inspection for 30 days following an Order finding that the materials no longer qualify for confidential treatment in order to allow Atmos to seek a remedy afforded by law.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:

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