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December 7, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

RE: Case No. 2005-00473
Atmos Energy Corporation

I, Beth O'Donnell, Executive Director of the Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the addressee by U.S. Mail on December 7, 2005.

Executive Director

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Enclosure

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION, OWENSBORO,)	
KENTUCKY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	CASE NO. 2005-00473
NECESSITY AUTHORIZING IT TO BID)	
ON FRANCHISE ESTABLISHED BY THE)	
CITY OF POWDERLY, KENTUCKY)	

O R D E R

On November 21, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") filed with the Commission its application seeking a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to qualify it to bid on a franchise for gas service offered by the city of Powderly, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(4), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

The Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for gas service in the above-mentioned city. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the qualifications of the bidder, the validity of any of the provisions of the franchises offered by said city, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Atmos is granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity that authorizes it to bid on a franchise for gas service offered by the above-mentioned city.

2. Atmos, if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file with this Commission two copies of the franchise agreement.

3. This Order shall not be construed as granting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to construct utility facilities in said city.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of December, 2005.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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