

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER)
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO) CASE NO. 2011-00087
2,200,000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK)
THROUGH ITS LONG-TERM INCENTIVE)
PLAN)

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST INFORMATION REQUEST
TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and six 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 a copy of Atmos's Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") for the record in this proceeding.

2. In case 2007-00098¹ Atmos was authorized to issue 2,500,000 shares of common stock through its LTIP.

a. How many shares did Atmos issue as a result of that authorization?

b. Provide an analysis of the total shares issued by type of award, including the total value of the transaction and the per-share price of the stock issued.

c. Provide the financial impact on ratepayers resulting from the issuance of the common stock authorized in Case No. 2007-00098.

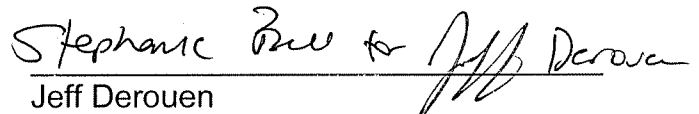
3. Identify the current Kentucky employees and their positions and non-employee directors that are eligible to receive awards through Atmos's LTIP.

¹ Case No. 2007-00098, The Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Up To 2,500,000 Shares of Common Stock Through Its 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Ky. PSC April 16, 2007).

4. Paragraph 9 of the application states that Atmos is requesting expedited consideration so “the Shares may be issued at an early date.” Explain what is meant by “expedited” in this instance.

5. Refer to Exhibit A, items 6(1) and 6(2). Atmos states that, as of December 31, 2010, it has 200,000,000 shares of common stock (no par value) authorized, and 90,638,491 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. Explain whether the 2,200,000 shares Atmos proposes to issue in this application come from the 200,000,000 shares authorized, or if Atmos’s total no par value common stock authorized will increase to 202,200,000.

6. Provide the current New York Stock Exchange price of Atmos common stock, and provide the year-end price for 2008, 2009, and 2010.


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