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RE: Case No. 2012-00533
Atmos Energy Corporation
(Financing)

The Commission staff has reviewed the application in the above case and finds that it meets the minimum filing requirements and has been accepted for filing.

Enclosed please find a stamped filed copy of the first page of your filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Faulkner".

Linda Faulkner
Filings Division Director

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION)
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE)
IMPLEMENTATION OF A \$1,750,000,000)
UNIVERSAL SHELF REGISTRATION)
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CASE NO. 2012-00533

FILED

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION

1. Pursuant to KRS 278.300, and all other applicable law, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Applicant" or "Atmos"), files its Application herein for an Order authorizing the implementation of a \$1,750,000,000 universal shelf registration. The universal shelf registration will allow Atmos to offer, from time to time, senior debt securities and/or shares of its common stock, without par value, at prices and terms to be determined at the time of sale. The senior debt securities and/or common stock may be issued in one or more series of issuances. Atmos may sell the securities to or through underwriters, dealers or agents, or directly to one or more purchasers. The universal shelf registration will provide Atmos with greater flexibility in its financing options.

2. Atmos will file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the one billion seven hundred fifty million dollar (\$1,750,000,000) universal shelf registration. The aforesaid universal shelf registration will include the unused authority of approximately \$900,000,000 under the universal shelf approved by this Commission in Case No. 2009-00412, together with authority for additional issuances of up to approximately \$850,000,000, for a total of \$1,750,000,000. A period of three years for issuances under such a registration statement is currently the term of an SEC shelf filing.