COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL)	CASE NO.
CONTRACT PURSUANT TO ITS ECONOMIC)	2014-00187
DEVELOPMENT RIDER)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL 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 ten copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 15 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, 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.

- 1. Refer to the Application, page 1 of Exhibit A, Large Volume Natural Gas Service Agreement ("Special Contract").
- a. Confirm that Atmos does not anticipate incurring any fixed costs with regard to the provision of additional volumes of natural gas to Kobe Aluminum Automotive Products, LLC ("Kobe") beyond its existing investment to serve the customer.
- b. Provide the amount of any additional annual expense expected to be incurred by Atmos with regard to the provision of additional volumes of natural gas to Kobe beyond its existing annual expense related to serving the customer.
- c. Describe the terms and provide a copy of the terminated service agreement with Kobe which is referenced in Item 1, Replacement and Termination of Large Volume Service Agreement.
 - 2. Refer to the Application, page 2 of Exhibit A, the Special Contract.
- a. Item 3, Price states that Kobe's normalized base load is 19,000 Mcf per month. Provide Kobe's annual volumes for the last three years along with associated revenues related to Atmos's provision of service to Kobe.

b. Provide estimated volumes for Kobe for the four years of the Environmental Development Rider ("EDR") contract, with associated estimated billings. The estimated billings should be in sufficient detail to show how the tariff rates and the EDR discounts will be applied to estimated volumes.

3. Refer to the Application, page 3 of Exhibit A, the Special Contract. Confirm that the Parking service described in Item 5 is priced at \$.10 per Dth in Atmos's Rate T-4, Firm Transportation Service tariff, and that Item 6 on page 8, under General Terms and Conditions means that any imbalances will be "cashed out" pursuant to the tariff terms.

4. Refer to Exhibit B to the Special Contract. State whether the receipt and delivery points are the same as the current receipt and delivery points for Kobe.

5. State whether Atmos has sufficient system pipeline capacity to accommodate the increased Kobe volumes.

6. Provide a demonstration that the discounted rate to Kobe exceeds the marginal cost to serve it.

7. Confirm that Atmos will not be undertaking any construction in association with the provision of increased volumes to Kobe.

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DATED ______

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