

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY |) | |
| CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING A |) | CASE NO. |
| TERM LOAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED |) | 2015-00384 |
| \$200 MILLION |) | |

COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND 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 eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within seven 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, it 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 filing a paper containing personal information, Atmos shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to Atmos's response to the Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Items 1 and 2. Explain in detail Atmos's decision to pursue the proposed \$200 million five-year term loan in light of the availability of its \$1.25 billion Revolving Credit Agreement ("Credit Facility"), which may be accessed on the Securities and Exchange Commission Web site via the link provided in Item 2.

2. Provide a comparison of the expected cost of the proposed term loan and similar financing pursuant to the Credit Facility, with example calculations based on current interest rates and fees specific to each. The cost comparison should include the impact of a reduction in the commitment fees Atmos must pay on the unused portion of the Credit Facility, as well as the steps necessary to renew the borrowing beyond the 364-day limit.

3. Confirm that, following the expiration of the \$600 million five-year revolving credit facility approved in Case No. 2006-00425,¹ Atmos did not seek Commission

¹ Case No. 2006-00425, *The Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for an Order Authorizing the Implementation of a \$600,000,000 Five-Year Revolving Credit Facility* (Ky. PSC Dec. 1, 2006).

approval of the current \$1.25 billion five-year Credit Facility due to the Credit Facility's requirement that all borrowings must be repaid within 364 days.²



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cc: Parties of Record

² KRS 278.300(8) provides that the requirement for utilities to seek Commission authorization for issuance of securities or evidence of indebtedness does not apply to notes issued by a utility, for proper purposes and not in violation of law, that are payable at periods of not more than two years from the date thereof, or to like notes, payable at a period of not more than two years from date thereof, that are issued to pay or refund in whole or in part any such notes, or to renewals of such notes from time to time, not exceeding in the aggregate six years from the date of the issue of the original notes so renewed or refunded.

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