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**OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

February 22, 2017

Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
PO Box 615  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

RE: City of Stanford, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith an original, plus eleven (11) copies, of an Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Bid on Franchise Established by the City of Stanford, Kentucky, for filing in your office.

The City has established March 30, 2017, as the deadline for submitting bids. We would therefore appreciate entry of an order prior to that date.

Very truly yours,



Mark R. Hutchinson

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE

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IN THE MATTER OF:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY  
CORPORATION, OWENSBORO  
KENTUCKY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
AUTHORIZING IT TO BID ON A FRANCHISE  
ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF STANFORD,  
KENTUCKY

CASE  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

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Applicant, Atmos Energy Corporation, a corporation duly qualified under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to carry on its business in the Commonwealth.

The Company is an operating public utility engaged in the business of supplying natural gas to the public in numerous cities, towns, and communities in Western and South Central Kentucky.

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Atmos' Articles of Incorporation, together with all amendments thereto, have already been filed with the Commission in Case No. 2015-00343. There have been no changes to the Articles of Incorporation since they were filed with the Commission in Docket No. 2015-00343.

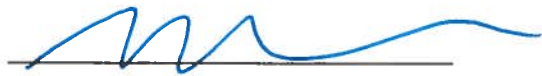
The City of Stanford (sometimes hereinafter called the "City") is a municipal corporation situated in Lincoln County, Kentucky and is in an area presently served by Applicant. Applicant has been the owner of a franchise operation of the natural gas system within the City immediately prior to the sale of a new franchise. Applicant is at the present time serving the City and owns and maintains a gas distribution system in such City.

The City Commission of the City has established a natural gas franchise for the City and has directed that bids for the sale thereof be received on or before March 30, 2017. A copy of the resolution establishing such franchise, directing its sale, and setting forth the type and provisions of such franchise is filed herewith as a part hereof.

There is a demand and need for continued natural gas service for the City.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests the Commission to enter a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Applicant to bid on the aforesaid natural gas franchise and, if it is awarded such franchise, to operate the natural gas distribution system pursuant to such franchise. A copy of the franchise, if awarded to Applicant, will be filed with the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,




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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )  
COUNTY OF DAVIESS )

I, Mark A. Martin, being duly sworn under oath state that I am Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs Kentucky/Midstates Division for Atmos Energy Corporation, having its principal office in Owensboro, Kentucky, which is the Applicant in this proceeding; that he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and that as to those matters he believes them to be true; and that he is duly authorized to sign, execute, verify and file the foregoing application on behalf of Applicant.

  
Mark A. Martin

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by Mark A. Martin as Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs Kentucky/Mid-States Division for Atmos Energy Corporation, on this the 22 day of February, 2017.

  
Notary Public  
Notary ID: 560343  
My Commission Expires: 1-30-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01

~~ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANFORD, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND SALE OF A FRANCHISE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONSTRUCTING, TRANSPORTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND DISTRIBUTING NATURAL GAS ALONG AND UNDER PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF STANFORD, KENTUCKY, FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS IN CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH, THE SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL SUM EQUAL TO TWO (2%) PERCENT OF ITS REVENUES; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A BID PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF SAID FRANCHISE TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER~~

WHEREAS, the existing natural gas franchise agreement between the City of Stanford, Kentucky (Hereinafter referred to as the "city") and Atmos Energy Corporation expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017; and ,

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of its citizens to create and offer for sale a new natural gas franchise.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STANFORD AS FOLLOWS;

The Mayor of the City, or such other person as the Mayor may designate, shall offer for sale, to the highest and best bidder, a non-exclusive franchise to enter upon, acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and repair in the public right of way of the City, a gas distribution system within the corporate boundaries of the City, subject to the provisions of the Franchise agreement attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

The Mayor, or such other person as the Mayor may designate, shall, as soon as practicable after passage of this Ordinance, offer for sale, under sealed public bids, the franchise and privileges created herein. Such bids shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor or his designees, at City Hall, Stanford, Kentucky, by 4:30 P.M. on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (the "Bid Deadline"). Advertisements for such bids shall be published in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 424. All costs for such advertisements shall be born by the successful Franchisee.

Sealed bids offered for the purchase of this franchise shall be publicly opened and read at 6:30 P.M. EST on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 during the regularly scheduled City of Stanford, Council Meeting at 1866 Depot Street, Stanford, KY 40484. All bids shall state the

bidders acceptance of the perms and provisions set forth in the attached franchise agreement.


The Mayor shall present all written bids to the City of Stanford, at its first meeting scheduled after the Bid Deadline for the City's consideration and approval. The City reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids received, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise and to accept what, in its opinion, is the best responsible and responsible bid. In the event all bids are reject, the City reserves the right to direct by resolution or ordinance that the Franchise created hereunder be offered again for sale until a satisfactory bid is received and approved.

The Franchise created by this ordinance shall become effective when the franchise agreement is signed by the successful bidder and the City.

This Ordinance shall take effect on this the 14th day of February, 2017.

The Foregoing Ordinance was introduced and read for the first time of the 2nd day of February, 2017 at a regular City Council meeting and for the second time and approved, on the 14th day of February, 2017 at a special called City Council meeting.

City of Stanford, Kentucky

  
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Eddie Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk  
(City Seal)