

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING)	CASE NO.
OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION)	2017-00180

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST 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 on or before May 12, 2017. 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 document 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 the Application, Exhibit A, page 1 of 2. The increase in the commodity cost of gas requested by Atmos is \$.1651 per Mcf. Provide the sales volumes in Mcf that Atmos expects for June and July 2017, and the total dollar amount of the expected shortfall at currently approved rates.

2. The current expected gas cost ("EGC") being charged to G-1 sales customers is \$4.6001 per Mcf, and \$3.3844 per Mcf for G-2 customers. Increasing these rates by \$.1651 per Mcf amounts to a 3.6 percent increase for G-1 customers and a 4.9 percent increase for G-2 customers. Given the relatively small amount of the increase, explain why Atmos thinks it is more reasonable to increase the EGC through an interim purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") filing, rather than including any under-recovery in the Correction Factor of an upcoming PGA application.

3. Explain the decision-making process Atmos uses to decide whether natural gas prices are expected to increase (or decrease) to the point that it should request an interim adjustment of its gas cost rates.



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