

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF ATMOS ENERGY)	2020-00315
CORPORATION)	

ORDER

On September 30, 2020, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed its Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) to be effective November 1, 2020. Atmos's previous GCA rate was approved in Case No. 2020-00213.¹

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Atmos's report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its sales customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
2. Atmos's Expected Gas Cost (EGC) for firm sales customers is \$4.2605 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.7711 per Mcf from the previous EGC of \$3.4894 per Mcf. Atmos's EGC for interruptible sales customers is \$3.0068 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.7706 per Mcf from the previous EGC of \$2.2362 per Mcf.
3. Atmos's report sets out no Refund Factor.
4. Atmos's report sets out a Correction Factor (CF) of (\$.5666) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.0831 per Mcf from its previous CF (\$.6497) per Mcf.

¹ Case No. 2020-00213, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Atmos Energy Corporation* (Ky. PSC July 20, 2020).

5. Atmos's report sets out a Performance-Based Rate Recovery Factor (PBRRF) of \$.2169 per Mcf.

6. Atmos's GCAs are \$3.9108 per Mcf for firm sales customers and \$2.6571 per Mcf for interruptible sales customers. The impact on firm sales customers is an increase of \$.8542 per Mcf from the previous GCA of \$3.0566 per Mcf. The impact on interruptible sales customers is an increase of \$.8537 per Mcf from the previous GCA of \$1.8034 per Mcf.

7. Should Atmos purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCR reports then the supplier, cost, and amount must be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.

8. The rates proposed by Atmos and set forth in Appendix A to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved for final meter readings by Atmos on and after November 1, 2020.

9. The Commission finds that Atmos should file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCR report for rates effective for the February 2021 billing cycle.

a. The Commission directs Atmos to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085² regarding filings with the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses

² Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

b. 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 an 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.

c. Atmos shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. 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 the personal information cannot be read

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates set forth in Appendix A to this Order are approved for final meter readings on and after November 1, 2020.
2. Within 20 days of the date of the entry of this Order, Atmos shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.
3. Atmos shall file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCR report for rates effective for the February 2021 billing cycle.
4. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Deputy Executive Director

Case No. 2020-00315

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00315 DATED OCT 29 2020

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Atmos Energy Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under the authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES:

Applicable to General Sales Service Rate G-1:

Gas Cost Adjustment

To each bill rendered under the above-named rate schedule, there shall be added an amount equal to \$3.9108 per Mcf of gas used during the billing period.

Applicable to Interruptible Sales Service Rate G-2:

Gas Cost Adjustment

To each bill rendered under the above-named rate schedule, there shall be added an amount equal to \$2.6571 per Mcf of gas used during the billing period.

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00315 DATED OCT 29 2020

1. Provide a customer billing history report for a random Atmos residential customer for each month in the 12-month reporting period ended October 2020. Redact any personal information from the report, such as customer name, customer address, and any additional identifiable information. The report should be sure to include the monthly usage, the rates billed, and the meter reading dates.

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