

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT	)	CASE NO.
FILING OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION	)	2024-00391

ORDER

On December 30, 2024, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed a petition, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878, requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment for an indefinite period for the following information contained in Atmos's Quarterly Gas Supply Clause filing:

1. Exhibit D, contains confidential information from which the actual price being paid by Atmos Energy for natural gas to its suppliers can be determined;
2. Exhibit C, contains confidential information pertaining to prices projected to be paid by Atmos Energy for purchase contracts;
3. Invoices and monthly usage reports for each month of the reporting period;
4. Purchases of sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period identifying the supplier, cost, and amount.

As a basis for its petition, Atmos asserted that public disclosure of this information would adversely impact Atmos's ability to negotiate future gas supply contacts at favorable prices, and therefore would impair Atmos's ability to minimize the price of natural gas paid by Atmos's customers. For this reason, Atmos argued that public disclosure is prohibited under KRS. 61.878(1)(c)(1), which prohibits public disclosure of

records that are confidential or proprietary that, if publicly disclosed, would result in competitive advantage to the discloser's competitors.

Having considered the petition and the material at issue, the Commission finds that Atmos's petition should be granted. Atmos's competitors could use the designated material to compete with Atmos for these supplier's business or suppliers could use the data to unfairly negotiate with Atmos. The material at issue is generally recognized as confidential or proprietary, which if released may result in an unfair competitive advantage; it therefore meets the criteria for confidential treatment and is exempted from public disclosure pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Atmos's December 30, 2024 petition for confidential treatment is granted.
2. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period or until further order of this Commission.
3. Use of the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).
4. If the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment, Atmos shall inform the Commission and file with the Commission an unredacted copy of the designated material.
5. If a nonparty to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Atmos shall have 20 days from receipt of

written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Atmos is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of an Order finding that the material no longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow Atmos to seek a remedy afforded by law.

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Entered on this 16th day of July, 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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