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Re: Atmos Energy Corporation
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 9/27/12
PSC Reference – Case No. 2012-00438

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on September 27, 2012 on behalf of Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Atmos’ “GCA” for the period Nov 1, 2012 through Jan 31, 2012. The information is described as Exhibit D, pages 5 and 6 which contain actual prices paid to natural gas suppliers, Atmos’ CF, and the “WACOG” schedule in support of Exhibit C, page 2, containing price projections for purchase contracts.

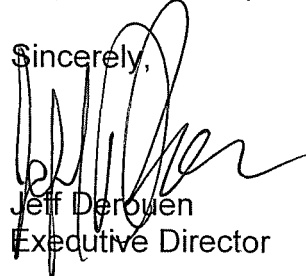
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to competitors and would reveal trade secrets.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Atmos’ competitors, and would reveal trade secrets. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission’s file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Atmos Energy Corporation is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record