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**Performance Based Rate Mechanism**

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**Applicable**

To all gas sold.

**Rate Mechanism**

The amount computed under each of the rate schedules to which this Performance Based Rate Mechanism is applicable shall be increased or decreased by the Performance Based Rate Recovery Factor (PBRRF) at a rate per 1,000 cubic feet (Mcf) of monthly gas consumption. Demand costs and commodity costs shall be accumulated separately and included in the pipeline suppliers Demand Component and the Gas Supply Cost Component of the Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), respectively. The PBRRF shall be determined for each 12-month period ended October 31 during the effective term of these experimental performance based ratemaking mechanisms, which 12-month period shall be defined as the PBR period.

The PBRRF shall be computed in accordance with the following formula:

$$PBRRF = (CSPBR + BA) / ES$$

Where:

ES = Expected Mcf sales, as reflected in the Company's GCA filing for the upcoming 12-month period beginning February 1.

CSBPR = Company Share of Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism savings or expenses. The CSPBR shall be calculated as follows:

$$CSPBR = TPBRR \times ACSP$$

Where:

ACSP = Applicable Company Sharing Percentage

TPBRR = Total Performance Based Ratemaking Results. The TPBRR shall be savings or expenses created during the PBR period. TPBRR shall be calculated as follows:

$$TPBRR = (GAIF + TIF + OSSIF)$$

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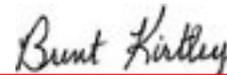
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**GAIF**

GAIF = Gas Acquisition Index Factor. The GAIF shall be computed as follows.

$$GAIF = GAIFBL + GAIFSL + GAIFAM$$

Where:

GAIFBL represents the Gas Acquisition Index Factor for Base Load system supply natural gas purchases.

GAIFSL represents the Gas Acquisition Index Factor for Swing Load system supply natural gas purchases

GAIFAM represents the Gas Acquisition Index Factor for Asset Management, representing the portion of fixed discounts provided by the supplier for asset management rights, if any, not directly tied to per unit natural gas purchases

**GAIFBL**

The GAIFBL shall be calculated by comparing the Total Annual Benchmark Gas Commodity Costs for Base Load (TABGCCBL) system supply natural gas purchases for the PBR period to the Total Annual Actual Gas Commodity Costs for Base Load (TAAGCCBL) system supply natural gas purchases during the same period to determine if any shared expenses or shared savings exist.

TABGCCBL represents the Total Annual Benchmark Gas Commodity Costs for Base Load gas purchases and equals the annual sum of the monthly Benchmark Gas Commodity Costs of gas purchased for Base Load (BGCCBL) system supply.

BGCCBL represents Benchmark Gas Commodity Costs for Base Load gas purchases and shall be calculated on a monthly basis and accumulated for the PBR period. BGCCBL shall be calculated as follows:

$$BGCCBL = \text{Sum} [(APVBLi - PEFDCQBL) \times SAIBLi] + (PEFDCQBL \times DAIBL)$$

Where:

APVBL is the Actual Purchased Volumes of natural gas for Base Load system supply for the month. The APVBL shall include purchases necessary to cover retention volumes required by the pipeline as fuel.

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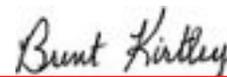
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"i" represents each supply area.

PEFDCQBL are the Base Load Purchases in Excess of Firm Daily Contract Quantities delivered to WKG's city gate. Firm Daily Contract Quantities are the maximum daily contract quantities which Company can deliver to its city gate under its various firm transportation agreements and arrangements.

SAIBL is the Supply Area Index factor for Base Load to be established for each supply area in which Company has firm transportation entitlements used to transport its natural gas purchases and for which price postings are available. The five supply areas are TGT-1 (Texas Gas Transmission-Zone 1), TGPL-500 (Tennessee Gas Pipeline-Louisiana 500), TGC-LA (Trunkline Gas Company-Louisiana), ANR-LA (ANR Louisiana), and ANR-HH (ANR-South Louisiana, Henry Hub).

The monthly SAIBL for TGT-1, TGPL-500, TGC-LA, ANR-LA, and ANR-HH shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$SAIBL = [I (1) + I (2)] / 2$$

Where:

"I" represents each index reflective of both supply area prices and price changes throughout the month in these various supply areas.

The indices for each supply zone are as follows:

SAIBL (ANR-LA)

I (1) is the Inside FERC – Gas Market Report first-of-the-month posting for ANR-Louisiana.

I (2) is the New York Mercantile Exchange Settled Closing Price.

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**SAIBL (TGT-1)**

I (1) is the Inside FERC – Gas Market Report first-of-the-month posting for Texas Gas Zone 1.

I (2) is the New York Mercantile Exchange Settled Closing Price.

**SAIBL (TGPL-500)**

I (1) is the Inside FERC – Gas Market Report first-of-the-month posting for Tennessee Louisiana, 500 Leg.

I (2) is the New York Mercantile Exchange Settled Closing Price.

**SAIBL (ANR-HH)**

I (1) is the Inside FERC – Gas Market Report first-of-the-month posting for South Louisiana-Henry Hub.

I (2) is the New York Mercantile Exchange Settled Closing Price.

**SAIBL (TGC-LA)**

I (1) is the Inside FERC – Gas Market Report first-of-the-month posting for Trunkline Louisiana.

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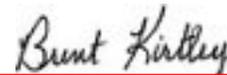
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DAIBL is the Delivery Area Index factor for Base Load to be established for purchases made by Company when Company has fully utilized its pipeline quantity entitlements on a daily basis and which are for delivery to Company's city gate from Texas Gas Transmission's Zone 2, 3 or 4, Tennessee Gas Pipeline's Zone 2, Trunkline Gas Company's Zone 1B, or ANR ML-2 or ML-3.

The monthly DAIBL for TGT-2, 3, 4, TGPL-2, TGC-1B, and ANR-LA shall be calculated using the following:

$$DAIBL = [I (1) + I (2)] / 2$$

DAIBL (TGT-2, 3, & 4), (TGPL-2), (TGC-1B), and (ANR-LA)

I (1) is the average New York Mercantile Exchange Settled Closing Price.

I (2) is the Inside FERC – Gas Market Report first-of-the month posting for the index associated with the delivered supply.

TAAGCCBL represents Company's Total Annual Actual Gas Commodity Costs for Base Load deliveries of natural gas purchased for system supply and is equal to the total monthly actual gas commodity costs.

To the extent that TAAGCCBL exceeds TABGCCBL for the PBR period, then the GAIFBL Shared Expenses shall be computed as follows:

$$GAIFBL \text{ Shared Expenses} = TAAGCCBL - TABGCCBL$$

To the extent that TAAGCCBL is less than TABGCCBL for the PBR period, then the GAIFBL Shared Savings shall be computed as follows:

$$GAIFBL \text{ Shared Savings} = TABGCCBL - TAAGCCBL$$

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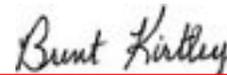
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**GAIIFSL**

The GAIIFSL shall be calculated by comparing the Total Annual Benchmark Gas Commodity Costs for Swing Load (TABGCCSL) system supply natural gas purchases for swing load for the PBR period to the Total Annual Actual Gas Commodity Costs for Swing Load (TAAGCCSL) system supply natural gas purchases for during the same period to determine if any shared expenses or shared savings exist.

TABGCCSL represents the Total Annual Benchmark Gas Commodity Costs for Swing Load gas purchases and equals the monthly Benchmark Gas Commodity Costs of gas purchased for Swing Load system supply (BGCCSL).

BGCCSL represents Benchmark Gas Commodity Costs for Swing Load gas purchases and shall be calculated on a monthly basis and accumulated for the PBR period. BGCCSL shall be calculated as follows:

$$BGCCSL = \text{Sum } [(APVSLi - PEFDCQSL) \times SAISLi] + (PEFDCQSL \times DAISL)$$

Where:

APVSL is the Actual Purchased Volumes of natural gas for Swing Load system supply for the month. The APVSL shall include purchases necessary to cover retention volumes required by the pipeline as fuel.

"i" represents each supply area.

PEFDCQSL are the Purchases in Excess of Firm Daily Contract Quantities delivered to WKG's city gate. Firm Daily Contract Quantities are the maximum daily contract quantities which Company can deliver to its city gate under its various firm transportation agreements and arrangements.

SAISL is the Supply Area Index factor for Swing Load to be established for each supply area in which Company has firm transportation entitlements used to transport its natural gas purchases and for which price postings are available. The five supply areas are TGT-1 (Texas Gas Transmission-Zone 1), TGPL-500 (Tennessee Gas Pipeline-Zone 500 Leg), TGC-1A (Trunkline Gas Company-Zone 1A), ANR-LA (Louisiana-Onshore South, ANR, LA), and ANR-HH (Louisiana-Onshore South, Henry Hub).

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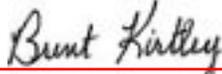
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The monthly SAISL for TGT-1, TGPL-500, TGC-1A, ANR-LA, and ANR-HH shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$SAISL_i = I(i)$$

Where:

"I" represents each index reflective of both supply area prices and price changes throughout the month in these various supply areas.

"i" represents each supply area.

The index for each supply zone is as follows:

SAISL (ANR-LA)

I (1) is the midpoint Gas Daily postings for Louisiana-Onshore South, ANR, LA.

SAISL (TGT-1)

I (2) is the midpoint Gas Daily postings for East Texas – North Louisiana Area - Texas Gas Zone 1.

SAISL (TGPL-500)

I (3) is the midpoint Gas Daily postings for Louisiana-Onshore South – Tennessee 500 Leg.

SAISL (ANR-HH)

I (4) is the midpoint Gas Daily postings for Louisiana-Onshore South – Henry Hub.

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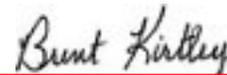
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SAISL (TGC-1A)

I (5) is the midpoint Gas Daily postings for Trunkline – Zone 1A.

DAISL is the Delivery Area Index factor for Swing Load to be established for purchases made by Company when Company has fully utilized its pipeline quantity entitlements on a daily basis and which are for delivery to Company’s city gate from Texas Gas Transmission’s Zone 2, 3 or 4, Tennessee Gas Pipeline’s Zone 2, Trunkline Gas Company’s Zone 1B, or ANR’s Zone ML-2 or ML-3.

The monthly DAISL for TGT-2, 3, 4, TGPL-2, TGC-1B, ANR-2, and ANR-3 shall be calculated using the following:

$$DAISL = I(1)$$

DAISL (TGT-2, 3, & 4), (TGPL-2), (TGC-1B), and (ANR-2 & 3)

I (1) is the midpoint Gas Daily postings the Daily Price Survey for the index associated with the delivered service.

TAAGCCSL represents Company’s Total Annual Actual Gas Commodity Costs for Swing Load deliveries to Company’s city gate and is equal to the total monthly actual gas commodity costs.

To the extent that TAAGCCSL exceeds TABGCCSL for the PBR period, then the GAIFSL Shared Expenses shall be computed as follows:

$$GAIFSL \text{ Shared Expenses} = TAAGCCSL - TABGCCSL$$

To the extent that TAAGCCSL is less than TABGCCSL for the PBR period, then the GAIFSL Shared Savings shall be computed as follows:

$$GAIFSL \text{ Shared Savings} = TABGCCSL - TAAGCCS$$

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**TIF**

TIF = Transportation Index Factor. The Transportation Index Factor shall be calculated by comparing the Total Annual Benchmark Transportation Costs (TABTC) of natural gas transportation services during the PBR period to the Total Annual Actual Transportation Costs (TAATC) applicable to the same period to determine if any shared expenses or shared savings exist.

The Total Annual Benchmark Transportation Costs (TABTC) are calculated as follows:

$$\text{TABTC} = \text{Annual Sum of Monthly BTC}$$

Where:

BTC is the Benchmark Transportation Costs which include both pipeline demand and volumetric costs associated with natural gas pipeline transportation services. The BTC shall be accumulated for the PBR period and shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{BTC} = \text{Sum} [ \text{BM (TGT)} + \text{BM (TGPL)} + \text{BM (TGC)} + \text{BM (ANR)} + \text{BM (PPL)} ]$$

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Where:

BM (TGT) is the benchmark associated with Texas Gas Transmission Corporation.

BM (TGPL) is the benchmark associated with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company.

BM (TGC) is the benchmark associated with Trunkline Gas Company.

BM (ANR) is the benchmark associated with ANR Pipeline Company.

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BM (PPL) is the benchmark associated with a proxy pipeline. This benchmark, which will be determined at the time of purchase, will be used to benchmark purchases of transportation capacity from non-traditional sources.

The benchmark associated with each pipeline shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{BM (TGT)} = (\text{TPDR} \times \text{DQ}) + (\text{TPCR} \times \text{AV}) + \text{S\&DB}$$

$$\text{BM (TGPL)} = (\text{TPDR} \times \text{DQ}) + (\text{TPCR} \times \text{AV}) + \text{S\&DB}$$

$$\text{BM (TGC)} = (\text{TPDR} \times \text{DQ}) + (\text{TPCR} \times \text{AV}) + \text{S\&DB}$$

$$\text{BM (ANR)} = (\text{TPDR} \times \text{DQ}) + (\text{TPCR} \times \text{AV}) + \text{S\&DB}$$

$$\text{BM (PPL)} = (\text{TPDR} \times \text{DQ}) + (\text{TPCR} \times \text{AV}) + \text{S\&DB}$$

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Where: TPDR is the applicable Tariffed Pipeline Demand Rate.

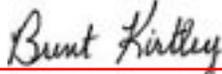
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DQ is the Demand Quantities contracted for by the Company from the applicable transportation provider.

TPCR is the applicable Tariffed Pipeline Commodity Rate.

AV is the Actual Volumes delivered at Company's city gate by the applicable transportation provider for the month.

S&DB represents Surcharges, Direct Bills and other applicable amounts approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Such amounts are limited to FERC approved charges such as surcharges, direct bills, cashouts, take-or-pay amounts, Gas Supply Realignment and other Order 636 transition costs.

The Total Annual Actual Transportation Costs (TAATC) paid by Company for the PBR period shall include both pipeline demand and volumetric costs associated with natural gas pipeline transportation services as well as all applicable FERC approved surcharges, direct bills included in S&DB, less actual capacity release credits. Such costs shall exclude labor related or other expenses typically classified as operating and maintenance expenses.

To the extent that TAATC exceeds TABTC for the PBR period, then the TIF Shared Expenses shall be computed as follows:

$$\text{TIF Shared Expenses} = \text{TAATC} - \text{TABTC}$$

To the extent that the TAATC is less than TABTC for the PBR period, then the TIF Shared Savings shall be computed as follows:

$$\text{TIF Shared Savings} = \text{TABTC} - \text{TAATC}$$

Should one of the Company's pipeline transporters file a rate change effective during any PBR period and bill such proposed rates subject to refund, the period over which the benchmark comparison is made for the relevant transportation costs will be extended for one or more 12 month periods, until the FERC has approved final settled rates, which will be used as the appropriate benchmark. Company will not share in any of the savings or expenses related to the affected pipeline until final settled rates are approved.

**OSSIF**

OSSIF = Off-System Sales Index Factor. The Off-System Sales Index Factor shall be equal to the Net Revenue from Off-System Sales (NR).

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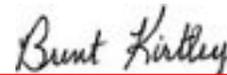
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Net Revenue is calculated as follows:

$$NR = OSREV - OOPC$$

Where:

OSREV is the total revenue associated with off-system sales and storage service transactions.

OOPC is the out-of-pocket costs associated with off-system sales and storage service transactions and shall be determined as follows:

$$OOPC = OOPC(GC) + OOPC(TC) + OOPC(SC) + OOPC(UGSC) + \text{Other Costs}$$

Where:

OOPC (GC) is the Out-of-Pocket Gas Costs associated with off-system sales transactions. For off-system sales utilizing Company's firm supply contracts, the OOPC (GC) shall be the incremental costs to purchase the gas available under Company's firm supply contracts. For off-system sales not using Company's firm supply contracts, the OOPC (GC) shall be the incremental costs to purchase the gas from other entities.

OOPC (TC) is the Out-of-Pocket Transportation Costs associated with off-system sales transactions. For off-system sales utilizing Company's firm transportation agreements, the OOPC (TC) shall be the incremental cost to use the transportation available under Company's firm supply contracts. For off-system sales not using Company's firm transportation agreements, the OOPC (TC) shall be the incremental costs to purchase the transportation from other entities.

OOPC (SC) is the Out-of-Pocket Storage Costs associated with off-system sales of storage. If this is gas in Company's own storage or gas stored with Tennessee Gas Pipeline it shall be priced at the average price of the gas in Company's storage during the month of sale. If this is gas from the storage component of Texas Gas's No-Notice Service, this gas shall be priced at the replacement costs.

OOPC (UGSC) is the Out-of-Pocket Underground Storage Costs associated with off-system sales of storage services. For the off-systems sales of storage services utilizing Company's on-system storage, the OOPC (UGSC) shall include incremental storage losses, odorization, and other fuel-related costs such as purification, dehydration, and compression. Such costs shall exclude labor-related expenses.

Other Costs represent all other incremental costs and include, but are not limited to, costs such as applicable sales taxes and excise fees. Such costs shall exclude labor-related or other expenses typically classified as operating and maintenance expenses.

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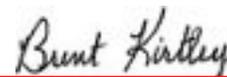
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**ACSP**

ACSP = Applicable Company Sharing Percentage. The ACSP shall be determined based on the PTAGSC.

Where:

PTAGSC = Percentage of Total Actual Gas Supply Costs. The PTAGSC shall be the TPBRR stated as a Percentage of Total Actual Gas Supply Costs and shall be calculated as follows:

$PTAGSC = TPBRR / TAGSC$

Where:

TAGSC = Total Actual Gas Supply Costs. The TAGSC shall be calculated as follows:

$TAGSC = TAAGCCBL + TAAGCCSL + TAATC$

If the absolute value of the PTAGSC is less than or equal to 2.0%, then the ACSP of 30% shall be applied to TPBRR to determine CSPBR. If the absolute value of the PTAGSC is greater than 2.0%, then the ACSP of 30% shall be applied to the amount of TPBRR that is equal to 2.0% of TAGSC to determine a portion of CSPBR, and the ACSP of 50% shall be applied to the amount of TPBRR that is in excess of 2.0% of TAGSC to determine a portion of CSPBR. These two portions are added together to produce the total CSPBR.

**BA**

BA = Balance Adjustment. The BA is used to reconcile the difference between the amount of revenues billed or credited through the CSPBR and previous application of the BA and revenues which should have been billed or credited, as follows:

1. For the CSPBR, the balance adjustment amount will be the difference between the amount billed in a 12-month period from the application of the CSPBR and the actual amount used to establish the CSPBR for the period.
2. For the BA, the balance adjustment amount will be the difference between the amount billed in a 12-month period from the application of the BA and the actual amount used to establish the BA for the period.

**Annual Reports**

Atmos Energy shall file annual reports to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, describing activities and financial results under the PBR program. These reports shall be filed by August 31 of each calendar year, commencing in 2007.

**Review**

Within 90 days of the end of the fourth year of the five year extension, the Company will file an evaluation report on the results of the PBR mechanism for the first four years of the extension period. In that report and assessment, the Company will make any recommended modifications to the PBR mechanism.

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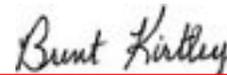
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