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Beth O'Donnell
Executive Director
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211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Case 2004-00493

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PUBLIC SERVICE
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**RE: Application of Western Kentucky Gas to
Bid on Franchise, Eddyville, Kentucky**

Dear Ms. O'Donnell

Enclosed is an original, plus ten (10) copies of an application to bid on franchise for filing in your office. Please note that the deadline for submitting bids is 4:00 p.m. on December 27, 2004. Hopefully, this will allow the Commission sufficient time to process this application.

If there are any questions or problems with the enclosed, please advise. Thanks.

Very truly yours,



Mark R. Hutchinson

MRH:bkk

c: Gary Smith

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY**

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IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
APPLICATION OF WESTERN KENTUCKY)
GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ATMOS)
ENERGY CORPORATION, OWENSBORO)
KENTUCKY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)
AUTHORIZING IT TO BID ON FRANCHISE)
ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF EDDYVILLE)
KENTUCKY)

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APPLICATION

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Applicant, Western Kentucky Gas Company (sometimes hereinafter called "Company" or "Applicant") is a division of Atmos Energy Corporation, a corporation duly qualified under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to carry on its business in the Commonwealth.

The Company is an operating public utility engaged in the business of supplying natural gas to the public in numerous cities, towns, and communities in Western and South Central Kentucky.

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A certified copy of Applicant's Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto are on file in the records of this Commission. See In the Matter of: Western Kentucky Gas Utility Corporation, Case #10063.

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The City of Eddyville, Kentucky (sometimes hereinafter called the "City") is a municipal corporation and in an area presently served by Applicant. Applicant has been the owner of a

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franchise operation of the natural gas system within the City prior to the sale of a new franchise. Applicant is at the present time serving the City and owns and maintains a gas distribution system in such City.

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The City Commission of the City has established a natural gas franchise for the City and has directed that bids for the sale thereof be received on or before December 27, 2004. A copy of the resolution establishing such franchise, directing its sale, and setting forth the type and provisions of such franchise is filed herewith as a part hereof.

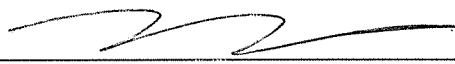
There is a demand and need for continued natural gas service for the City.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests the Commission to enter a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Applicant to bid on the aforesaid natural gas franchise and, if it is awarded such franchise, to operate the natural gas distribution system pursuant to such franchise. A copy of the franchise, if awarded to Applicant, will be filed with the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTERN KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY
A division of Atmos Energy Corporation


By: 
Gary Smith, Vice President of Marketing
and Regulatory Affairs
Kentucky Division



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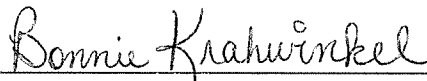
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF DAVIESS)

The undersigned Affiant, Gary Smith, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Vice President of the Kentucky division of Atmos Energy Corporation, having its principal office in Owensboro, Kentucky, which is the Applicant in this proceeding; that he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and that as to those matters he believes them to be true; and that he is duly authorized to sign, execute, verify and file the foregoing application on behalf of Applicant.



Gary Smith

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by Gary Smith, as Vice-President of the Kentucky division of Atmos Energy Corporation, on this the 7th day of December, 2004.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 7/30/2008

CITY OF EDDYVILLE, KENTUCKY
Ordinance No. 12/02/04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDDYVILLE, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND SALE OF A FRANCHISE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONSTRUCTING, TRANSPORTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND DISTRIBUTING NATURAL GAS ALONG AND UNDER PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF EDDYVILLE, KENTUCKY, FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS IN CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH, THE SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL SUM EQUAL TO TWENTY CENTS (\$0.20) PER METER; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A BID PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF SAID FRANCHISE TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

WHEREAS, the existing natural gas franchise agreement between the City of Eddyville, Kentucky and Atmos Energy Corporation has expired,

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of its citizens to create and offer for sale a new natural gas franchise.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF EDDYVILLE, KENTUCKY (hereinafter referred to as the "City") that the Mayor of the City, or such other person as the Mayor may designate, shall offer for sale, to the highest and best bidder, a non-exclusive franchise to enter upon, acquire, construct, operate, maintain and repair in the public right of way of the City, a gas distribution system within the corporate boundaries of the City, subject to the provisions of the Franchise Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The Mayor, or such other person as the Mayor may designate, shall, as soon as practicable after passage of this Ordinance, offer for sale, under sealed public bids, the franchise and privileges created herein. Such bids shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor or her designee, at City Hall, Eddyville, Kentucky, by 4:00 p.m. on December 27, 2004 (the "Bid Deadline"). Advertisements for such bids shall be published in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 424. All costs for such advertisements shall be borne by the successful Franchisee.

Sealed bids offered for the purchase of this franchise shall be publicly opened and read at 5:00 p.m. C.S.T. on December 27, 2004. All bids shall state the bidder's acceptance of the terms and provisions set forth in the attached franchise agreement.

The Mayor shall present all written bids to the City of Eddyville at its first meeting scheduled after the Bid Deadline for the City's consideration and approval. The City reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids received, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise and to accept what, in its opinion, is the best responsive and responsible bid. In the event all bids are rejected, the City reserves the right to direct by resolution or ordinance that the franchise created hereunder be offered again for sale until a satisfactory bid is received and approved.

The franchise created by this ordinance shall become effective when the franchise agreement is signed by the successful bidder and the City.

INTRODUCED AND PUBLICLY READ ON THE FIRST READING, this the 9th day of Dec, 2004.

PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED ON SECOND READING, this the 6th day of December, 2004.

CITY OF EDDYVILLE, KENTUCKY

By: 

Judi Stone, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela H. Pruiett, Clerk