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Please see enclosed data request from Commission Staff in the above case.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL |) | |
| THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY |) | |
| |) | |
| COMPLAINANT |) | |
| |) | |
| V. |) | CASE NO. 2005-00057 |
| |) | |
| ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION |) | |
| |) | |
| DEFENDANT |) | |

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO ATMOS
ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") is requested, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, to file with the Commission the original and 7 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on March 19, 2007. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information requested herein has been provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

1. Refer to the Testimony of Donald A. Murry at page 14. Dr. Murry states that if Dr. J. Randall Woolridge had used the period since 1991 to calculate his S&P 500 Growth in Earnings, the result would have been 6.76 percent, thereby increasing the resulting expected market return.

a. Explain why 1991 is the appropriate year to start this analysis.

b. Provide any studies, articles, or other documentation that support using a 15-year period.

2. Refer to Schedule 5 of Dr. Murry's testimony. The data in this schedule indicate that the return on equity awarded by state commissions decreased to the mid-10 percent range by May 2006. Does Dr. Murry have an opinion on why the awards were lower in the latter part of 2006?

3. Refer to the Testimony of James C. Cagle, pages 3-4. Mr. Cagle states that Atmos provided sufficient information to make the adjustments enumerated in Item 2 of Commission Staff's Data Request of October 16, 2006. State whether Atmos provided sufficient information to make the adjustments discussed in Item 1 of Commission Staff's Data Request of October 16, 2006. Explain the response.


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DATED March 9, 2007

cc: All Parties