

August 25, 2007

Honorable Elizabeth O'Donnell Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. PO Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

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RE: Case No. 2005-00321

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Atmos Energy Corporation (Company) herewith submits an original and eleven (11) copies of the first annual gas cost performance based ratemaking mechanism (PBR) report being filed in compliance with the Commission's Order of February 8, 2006 in the above referenced case. Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 6, the Company is required to file annual reports of its activity under the extended PBR. These reports are to be filed by August 31 of each calendar year, commencing in 2007. The Company is providing data from April 2005 through March 2007. Since the information being filed herewith is confidential, it is being filed under a Petition for Confidentiality.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 270-685-8024 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Martin

Vice-President - Rates & Regulatory Affairs

c: Lawrence W. Cook

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IN THE MATTER OF:) PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MODIFICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TO INCORPORATE PERFORMANCE-BASED RATEMAKING MECHANISM (PBR))) CASE NO. 2005-00321)

PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BEING FILED WITH THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT ON ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S PERFORMANCE BASED RATEMAKING MECHANISM

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy" or "Company"), respectfully petitions the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, and all other applicable law, for confidential treatment of the information contained in the attached document. In support of this petition, Atmos Energy states as follows:

1. On February 8, 2006, the Commission entered an Order in case no. 2005-00321 approving an extension, as modified, of Atmos' Experimental Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism ("PBR") for a period of five (5) years. The Commission's Order further required the Company to file annual reports on the results of the PBR program by August 31 of each year, commencing in 2007. The attached report contains the

quantitative results of Atmos' PBR program for the period of April 2005 through March 2007 and is filed in fulfillment of that requirement.

- 2. The Company's current gas supply contract is with a single source supplier, Atmos Energy Marketing, Inc. ("AEM"). It contains significant pricing discounts. In order to fully report to the Commission the results of the Company's current PBR program, disclosure of the discounts on gas purchases provided in the current supply contract is required. In order to protect the confidentiality of that information, not only must the discount themselves be redacted in the non-confidential version, but all information from which the discount could be calculated, must likewise be redacted. Since this information is both disclosed in, and determinable from, data appearing throughout the quantitative results contained in Exhibit "A", the entire Exhibit "A" has been redacted.
- 3. This type of information has been determined by the Commission in Atmos' prior PBR proceedings to be entitled to confidential protection. Nothing has occurred since the Commission granted confidential protection to this type of information that would now disqualify it from protection. The Company accordingly petitions the Commission to again treat this information as confidential.
- 4. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7 (3), temporary confidentiality of the information sought to be protected herein should be maintained until the Commission enters an orders as to this Petition. Once the order regarding confidentiality has been issued, Western would have twenty (20) days to seek alternative remedies pursuant to 807 KAR 5:0001, Section 7 (4).

WHEREFORE, Company petitions the Commission to treat as confidential the information contained in the attached.

Respectfully submitted this 25 th day of August, 2007.

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VERIFICATION

I, Mark R. Martin, being duly sworn under oath state that I am Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs for Atmos Energy Corporation, and that the statements contained in the foregoing Petition are true as I verily believe.

Mark A. Martin

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the <u>25</u> day of August, 2007, the original of this Petition, with the Confidential Information for which confidential treatment is sought, together with eleven (11) copies of the Petition without the confidential information, were filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and a true copy thereof mailed by first class mail to the following named persons:

Lawrence W. Cook Assistant Attorney General Office of Rate Intervention 1024 Capitol Center Drive Suite 200 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Mark R. Hutchinson

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Atmos Energy Corporation Kentucky Division PBR Results (April 2005 - March 2007)