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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE FINAL REPORT OF ATMOS	)	
ENERGY CORPORATION ON ITS	)	
HEDGING PROGRAM FOR THE 2005-2006	)	
HEATING SEASON AND MOTION TO	)	CASE NO. 2006-00177
CONDUCT A HEDGING PROGRAM FOR	)	
THE 2006-2007 HEATING SEASON	)	

## COMMISSION STAFF'S DATA REQUEST TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATON

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Commission Staff requests that Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") file the original and 8 copies of the following information with the Commission on or before May 26, 2006, with a copy to all parties of record. 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 witness who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure its legibility. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

1. Provide a detailed description of all analyses conducted by Atmos in conjunction with its hedging decisions. Include sources of information and modeling tools used, if any.

- 2. Explain the benefits of layering in futures contracts over a longer period of time for the winter period of 2007-2008, as referenced on page 2 of Atmos's April 27, 2006 hedging report.
- 3. Explain whether Atmos considered requesting that its hedging program be approved on a permanent basis. If yes, explain why Atmos did not make the request.
- 4. Provide the natural gas volumes supplied (1) from storage and (2) from flowing gas during the 2005-2006 winter heating season.
- 5. Describe in detail Atmos's access to storage gas, both on-system and offsystem.

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DATED May 18, 2006

cc: All Parties