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## **BEFORE THE**

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF A \$600,000,000
FIVE-YEAR REVOLVING CREDIT
FACILITY

CASE NO. <u>2006-00</u>475 FILED 0CT 0 6 2006

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## **APPLICATION**

- 1. Pursuant to KRS 278.300, and all other applicable law, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Applicant" or "Atmos"), files its Application herein for an Order authorizing the implementation of a five-year \$600,000,000 revolving credit facility ("Credit Facility").
- 2. The Credit Facility will have a term of five years and will replace the \$600 million revolving credit facility entered into as of October 18, 2005 and approved by the Commission in Case No. 2005-00287. The Credit Facility will be provided by a syndicate of commercial banks and other financial institutions, the identity of which will not be determined until the syndication process is complete. The Credit Facility will primarily serve as a liquidity backstop for Atmos Energy Corporation's \$600 million commercial paper program, but can also be utilized by the Company for direct borrowings. The interest rate to be paid on any direct borrowings made under the Credit Facility will be a floating rate, set at a spread over either a) the then-prevailing London Interbank Offer Rate ("LIBOR") or b) an alternate floating rate such as the Prime Rate or the Federal Funds Rate. The spread over LIBOR or over the alternate floating rate, as applicable, will be determined based on Atmos Energy Corporation's then-prevailing senior unsecured rates. The Company anticipates that the maximum spread over LIBOR that it would pay would be 1.50% per annum. In addition, the fee that Atmos would pay on any unused availability under the Credit Facility (the "unused fee") would be based on its then-prevailing senior unsecured credit ratings. The Company