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April 11, 2007

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

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**PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION**

RE: Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for a
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
Authorizing it to bid on Franchise Established by
the City of Woodburn, Kentucky

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Case No. 2007-00153

I enclose herewith an original, plus eleven (11) copies, of an Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to bid on Franchise Established by the City of Woodburn, Kentucky for filing in your office.

The City of Woodburn has enacted an Ordinance providing for the creation and sale of a Natural Gas Franchise. According to their Ordinance, the bids are due on or before May 7, 2007.

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

Very truly yours,



Mark R. Hutchinson

Enclosures

c: Gary Smith

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PUBLIC SERVICE
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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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APPLICATION 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 WOODBURN,)
KENTUCKY)

Case No.
2007-00153

APPLICATION

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Applicant, 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 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation is already on file with the Commission in the Matter of: The Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for An Order Authorizing a \$900,000,000 Universal Shelf Registration, Case No. 2006-00387.

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The City of Woodburn (sometimes hereinafter called the "City") is a municipal corporation situated in Warren County, Kentucky and is in an area presently served by Applicant. Applicant has been the owner of a franchise operation of the natural gas system within the City immediately 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.

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 May 7th, 2007. 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,



Mark R. Hutchinson
611 Frederica Street
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Attorney for Applicant

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF DAVIESS)

The undersigned Affiant, Gary Smith, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Vice President of the Kentucky division of Atmos 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 11th day of April, 2007



Notary Public - State of KY at Large
My Commission Expires: September 26, 2009

ORDINANCE #07-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURN, 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 WOODBURN, KENTUCKY, FOR A TERM OF TWENTY (20) YEARS IN CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH, THE SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL SUM EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED PER METER CHARGE; 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 Woodburn, Kentucky and Atmos Energy Corporation expires on July 5, 2007; and,

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 WOODBURN, 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 Natural Gas franchise to enter upon, acquire, construct, operate, maintain and repairs in the public right of way of the City, a gas distribution system with 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 his designee, at City Hall, Woodburn, Kentucky, by 7:00 p.m. on May 7th, 2007 (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 7:00 p.m. C.S.T. on May 7th, 2007. 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 Woodburn 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 FIRST READING, this the 5th day of March, 2007.

PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED ON SECOND READING, this the 2nd day of April, 2007.

CITY OF WOODBURN, KENTUCKY

By: Joel W. Albert, Sr
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jonny Colley

NOTICE OF SALE OF GAS FRANCHISE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Woodburn, Kentucky, will on May 7th 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Woodburn, Kentucky, consider offers for sale to the highest and best bidder, plus all costs, including advertising cost, a franchise as defined in Ordinance # 07-01 adopted by the City Council on April 2, 2007 the full text of which Ordinance, including the agreement containing the terms of the franchise, is available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 191 Main Street, Woodburn, Kentucky between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ORDINANCE # 07-01

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Sealed Bids are to be mailed to City Hall, P.O. Box 117, Woodburn, Kentucky 42170, to be publicly opened and read at 7:00 p.m., C.S.T. On May 7th, 2007.

The City of Woodburn reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise and to accept what, in its opinion, is the best responsive and responsible bid.