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Honorable Elizabeth O'Donnell
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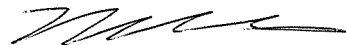
RE: Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for a Certificate
of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to bid
on Franchise Established by the City of Stanford, Kentucky

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

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 Stanford, Kentucky, for filing in your office.

The City has established September 6 as the deadline for submitting bids. Whatever the Commission can do to accommodate this deadline would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Mark R. Hutchinson

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION, OWENSBORO
KENTUCKY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AUTHORIZING IT TO BID ON A FRANCHISE
ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF STANFORD,
KENTUCKY

CASE
NO. 2007-370

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 Enemy Corporation for An Order Authorizing a \$900,000,000 Universal Shelf Registration, Case No. 2006-00387.

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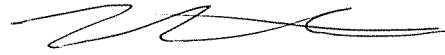
The City of Stanford (sometimes hereinafter called the "City") is a municipal corporation situated in Lincoln County, Kentucky and is in an area presently served by Applicant. Applicant has been the owner of a franchise operation of the natural gas system within the City immediately prior to the sale 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 September 6, 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,



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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF DAVIESS)

The undersigned Affiant, Mark A. Martin, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Vice President– Rates & Regulatory Affairs of Atmos Energy Corporation, Kentucky/Mid-States Division 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.



Mark A. Martin

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by Mark A. Martin as Vice-President – Rates & Regulatory Affairs of Atmos Energy Corporation, Kentucky/Mid-States Division, on this the 13 day of August, 2007.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7/30/08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANFORD, 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 STANFORD, KENTUCKY FOR A TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS IN CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH THE SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL SUM EQUAL TO 2% OF ITS GROSS REVENUES AND COSTS; 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 Stanford, Kentucky and Atmos Energy Corporation expires on July 1, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that is in the best interests of its citizens to create and offer for sale a new natural gas franchise,

WHEREAS, the City reserves the right to lower the percentage of gross revenues at any time but it cannot be raised once it has been lowered.

WHEREAS, An Emergency is hereby declared since the franchise has already expired and a vote will be called after the first reading.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STANFORD, KENTUCKY (hereinafter referred to as the "CITY") that the Mayor of the City, or such 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 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, Stanford, Kentucky by 4:30 PM on September 6, (the "Bid Deadline"). Advertisements for such bids shall be published in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 424. AND RUN A MINIMUM OF THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS IN THE LOCAL PAPER. 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 6:30 PM DST on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at the Historic L & N Depot during the regular Council Meeting. All bids shall state the bidder's acceptance of the terms and provisions set forth in the attached franchise agreement.

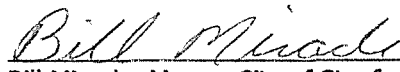
The Mayor shall present all written bids to the City of Stanford at its first meeting scheduled after the Bid Deadline for the City's consideration and approval. The City reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids received, to waive any irregularities or

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.

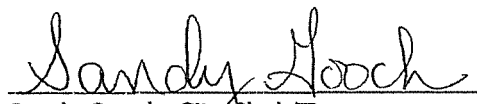
AYES: Scottie Ernst, Mike Southerland, Bobby Wilkinson, Tim Estes

NAYS: Steve Lucas, Eddie Carter



Bill Miracle, Mayor, City of Stanford, Kentucky

Attest:



Sandy Gooch, City Clerk/Treasurer