

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE  
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**In the Matter of:**

**GAS COST ADJUSTMENT )  
FILING OF )  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION )**

**CASE NO.  
2009-00000 544**

**PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION  
BEING FILED WITH THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") 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 which is described below and which is attached hereto. In support of this Petition, Atmos states as follows:

1. Atmos is filing its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") for the quarterly period commencing on February 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010. This GCA filing also contains Atmos' quarterly Correction Factor (CF) as well as information pertaining to Atmos' projected gas prices. The following two attachments contain information which requires confidential treatment.
  - a. The attached Exhibit D, Page 5 of 5 contains confidential information from which the actual price being paid by Atmos for natural gas to its supplier can be determined.
  - b. The attached Weighted Average Cost of Gas ("WACOG") schedule in support of Exhibit C, Page 12 of 13 contains confidential information pertaining to prices projected to be paid by Atmos for purchase contracts.

2. Information of the type described above has previously been filed by Atmos with the Commission under petitions for confidentiality. The Commission has consistently granted confidential protection to that type of information in each of the prior GCA filings in KPSC Case No. 1999-070. The information contained in the attached WACOG schedule has also been filed with the Commission under a Petition for Confidentiality in Case No. 97-513.

3. All of the information sought to be protected herein as confidential, if publicly disclosed, would have serious adverse consequences to Atmos and its customers. Public disclosure of this information would impose an unfair commercial disadvantage on Atmos. Atmos has successfully negotiated an extremely advantageous gas supply contract that is very beneficial to Atmos and its ratepayers. Detailed information concerning that contract, including commodity costs, demand and transportation charges, reservations fees, etc. on specifically identified pipelines, if made available to Atmos' competitors, (including specifically non-regulated gas marketers), would clearly put Atmos to an unfair commercial disadvantage. Those competitors for gas supply would be able to gain information that is otherwise confidential about Atmos' gas purchases and transportation costs and strategies. The Commission has accordingly granted confidential protection to such information.

4. Likewise, the information contained in the WACOG schedule in support of Exhibit C, Page 12 of 13, also constitutes sensitive, proprietary information which if publicly disclosed would put Atmos to an unfair commercial disadvantage in future negotiations.

5. Atmos would not, as a matter of company policy, disclose any of the information for which confidential protection is sought herein to any person or entity, except as required by law or pursuant to a court order or subpoena. Atmos' internal practices and policies are directed towards non-disclosure of the attached information. In fact, the information contained in the

attached report is not disclosed to any personnel of Atmos except those who need to know in order to discharge their responsibility. Atmos has never disclosed such information publicly. This information is not customarily disclosed to the public and is generally recognized as confidential and proprietary in the industry.

6. There is no significant interest in public disclosure of the attached information. Any public interest in favor of disclosure of the information is out weighed by the competitive interest in keeping the information confidential.

7. The attached information is also entitled to confidential treatment because it constitutes a trade secret under the two prong test of KRS 265.880: (a) the economic value of the information as derived by not being readily ascertainable by other persons who might obtain economic value by its disclosure; and, (b) the information is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy. The economic value of the information is derived by Atmos maintaining the confidentiality of the information since competitors and entities with whom Atmos transacts business could obtain economic value by its disclosure.

8. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 7(3) temporary confidentiality of the attached information should be maintained until the Commission enters an order as to this petition. Once the order regarding confidentiality has been issued, Atmos would have twenty (20) days to seek alternative remedies pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 7(4).

WHEREFORE, Atmos petitions the Commission to treat as confidential all of the material and information which is included in the attached one volume marked "Confidential".

Respectfully submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.



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Atmos Energy Corporation  
Estimated Weighted Average Cost of Gas  
For the Quarter of February 2010 through April 2010

	<u>February-10</u>			<u>March-10</u>			<u>April-10</u>			<u>Total</u>		
	<u>Volumes</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Volumes</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Volumes</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Volumes</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>
Texas Gas												
Trunkline												
Tennessee Gas												
TX Gas Storage												
TN Gas Storage												
WKG Storage												
Midwestern												

(This information has been filed under a Petition for Confidentiality)

WACOGs

Atmos Energy Corporation  
 Detail Sheet for Supply Volumes & Costs  
 Traditional and Other Pipelines

Description	August, 2009		September, 2009		October, 2009	
	MCF	Cost	MCF	Cost	MCF	Cost
<b>1 Texas Gas Pipeline Area</b>						
2 LG&E Natural						
3 Texaco Gas Marketing						
4 CMS						
5 WESCO						
6 Southern Energy Company						
7 Union Pacific Fuels						
8 Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC						
9 Engage						
10 ERI						
11 Prepaid						
12 Reservation						
13 Hedging Costs - All Zones						
14						
15 <b>Total</b>	1,758,211	\$5,337,831.64	1,828,941	\$4,894,503.87	1,698,015	\$6,325,449.18
16						
17						
<b>18 Tennessee Gas Pipeline Area</b>						
19 Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC						
20 Union Pacific Fuels						
21 WESCO						
22 Prepaid						
23 Reservation						
24 Fuel Adjustment						
25						
26 <b>Total</b>	202,328	\$633,318.12	268,292	\$733,062.81	290,177	\$1,124,166.03
27						
28						
<b>29 Trunkline Gas Company</b>						
30 Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC						
31 Engage						
32 Prepaid						
33 Reservation						
34 Fuel Adjustment						
35						
36 <b>Total</b>	31,148	\$84,984.58	30,144	\$67,230.52	30,558	\$102,178.45
37						
38						
<b>39 Midwestern Pipeline</b>						
40 Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC						
41 LG&E Natural						
42 Anadarko						
43 Prepaid						
44 Reservation						
45 Fuel Adjustment						
46						
47 <b>Total</b>	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
48						
49						
<b>50 All Zones</b>						
51 <b>Total</b>	1,991,687	\$6,056,134.34	2,127,377	\$5,694,797.20	2,018,750	\$7,551,793.66
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\*\*\*\* Detail of Volumes and Prices Has Been Filed Under Petition for Confidentiality \*\*\*\*