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211 Sower Boulevard  
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Subject: Case No. 2010-00146

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Atmos Energy Corporation (Company) herewith submits an original and ten copies of the Company's responses to the Initial Data Requests of the Commission Staff in the above referenced case.

Please feel free to contact me at 270.685.8024 if you have any questions and/or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Martin".

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1. Refer to the Testimony of Mark A. Martin (“Martin Testimony”), pages 7 and 8. Compare Atmos’s position that each marketer should be required to have its own pipeline capacity with the experience of Columbia Gas of Kentucky as set out in the Prepared Direct Testimony of Judy M. Cooper at the top of page 10.

RESPONSE: The Company believes that a marketer should have their own capacity similar to transportation service. With the existing transportation service, the marketer has its own capacity to serve the respective customer, the marketer bills the respective customer, the Company is not the “supplier of last resort”, and the Company is not forced to buy any receivables associated with such service. A marketer should not be able to use the Company’s assets for their own financial gain.

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2. Refer to the Martin Testimony on page 12 which discusses the popularity of retail choice programs.

- a. Have any of its small-volume customers in Kentucky contacted Atmos within the past five years expressing interest in having a choice in gas supplier? If yes, how many and over what period of time?

RESPONSE: General questions from customers may come to many sources in the Company (local office, employee in the community, call centers, etc.) so it is impossible to say for certain that "there have been none". However, to the degree that these questions come directly to our sales staff from customers and are specific in nature as to their desire for another gas supplier, then the answer is "None".

- b. Has Atmos communicated with the 30 sales customers mentioned at the bottom of page 13 to determine why they have chosen not to avail themselves of transportation service?

RESPONSE: While the Company has not documented these requests, there have been one or two customers a year from among this group that ask about transportation service. In these very few cases, the customers have asked either because they were approached by a marketer soliciting their business or in some cases the customer may have another location or company facility that does transport elsewhere. In these instances, those other facilities are usually larger or have greater gas loads than do these particular locations.

- c. Have any small-volume customers contacted Atmos in Georgia expressing interest in having a choice in gas supplier comparable to that of customers of Atlanta Gas Light Company?

RESPONSE: There have been no recent requests. The Company may have received one or two when AGL's program was first implemented, but no requests since.

- d. Have any small-volume customers contacted Atmos in Illinois expressing interest in having a choice in gas supplier comparable to that of customers of NICOR Gas and Peoples/North Shore Gas?

RESPONSE: The Company is unaware of any such requests.