

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER CONTINUING) CASE NO. 2010-00243
THE WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT)
FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL YEARS)

INITIAL DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and ten copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due by July 30, 2010. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Atmos shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which

Atmos fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

1. Refer to paragraph 4 of Atmos's Application ("Application"). Provide documentation that supports Atmos's statement that its Weather Normalization Adjustment ("WNA") mechanism has "performed very well . . . and has met its intended purpose."

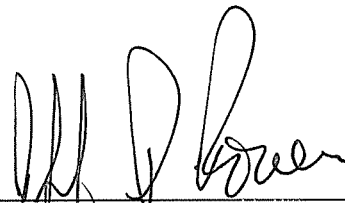
2. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Application, as corrected in Atmos's letter filed June 25, 2010, which indicates that Atmos intends to continue to use the same basis for normal Heating Degree Days (NOAA Normals for 1971-2000).

a. Explain why weather normals for a more current period are not used.

b. Describe the extent to which Atmos compared the effects of using more current weather normals.

3. Refer to paragraph 5 of the Application, which mentions annual updates of the Base Load, Heating Sensitive Factors, and average distribution rate factor for each affected class of firm sales. Provide a copy of the most current update filed with the Commission.

4. For each of the last five calendar years, provide Atmos's return on common equity for its Kentucky jurisdictional gas operations based on (1) calculated revenues as if the WNA had not been in effect and (2) actual revenues with the WNA in effect. Show the return calculation, including the net income available for common stock and the equity balance used in the calculation. The return calculation should be based on an end-of-period equity balance like that used by the Commission in general rate cases.



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