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April 26, 2019

Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. PO Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

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 Elkton, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

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 Elkton, Kentucky, for filing in your office.

The City has established May 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., as the deadline for submitting bids. We would therefore appreciate entry of an order prior to that date.

Very truly yours,

Mark R. Hutchinson

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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 ELKTON, KENTUCKY

CASE NO. <u>2019-00137</u>

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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Atmos' Articles of Incorporation, together with all amendments thereto, have already been filed with the Commission in Case No. 2017-00349. There have been no changes to the Articles of Incorporation since they were filed with the

The City of Elkton (sometimes hereinafter called the "City") is a municipal corporation situated in Todd 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.

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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 10:30 a.m. on May 30, 2019. 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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Mark R. Hutchinson

611 Frederica Street

Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

Attorney for Applicant

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 and 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 and Regulatory Affairs of Atmos Energy Corporation, Kentucky/Mid-States Division, on this the $\partial \phi$ day of April, 2019.

Notary Public

Notary ID: 5603

My Commission Expires: 1-30-20

CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE 2019-61

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, 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 ELKTON, 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 GROSS REVENUES; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A BID PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF SAID FRANCHISE TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ELKTON, KY AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the existing natural gas franchise agreement between the City of Elkton, Kentucky and Atmos Energy Corporation expires on October 11, 2019; 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 for a term of ten (10) years.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ELKTON, 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 non-exclusive franchise to enter upon, acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and repair in the public right of way of the City, a gas distribution system within the corporate boundaries of the City, subject to the provisions of the Franchise Agreement incorporated herein by reference and a copy of which is available at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, Elkton, Kentucky during regular business hours.

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 City

Clerk, P.O. Box 578, Elkton, Kentucky, by 10:30 a.m. on May 30, 2019. Advertisements for such bids shall be published in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 424. All costs for such advertisements shall be invoiced by the City to be borne by the successful Franchisee.

The Mayor shall present all written bids to the City of Elkton 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 wave 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 upon expiration of the existing agreement between the City and Atmos Energy on or about October 11, 2019.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED FIRST TIME: Followary 11, 2019
PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED SECOND TIME: April 8, 2019

APPROVED:

Arthur Green, Mayor

ATTEST:

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