

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
FILING OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION)	2022-00033

ORDER

On January 28, 2022, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed a petition, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1), requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment for an indefinite period for information pertaining to projected prices in purchase contracts contained in Atmos's Quarterly Gas Supply Clause filing.

In support of its petition, Atmos argues that public disclosure of the information would damage Atmos's competitive position and business interests. Atmos further contended that disclosure of this information would hinder Atmos's ability to negotiate future gas supply contracts at advantageous prices, thus increasing the cost of gas for customers.

Having considered the petition and the material at issue, the Commission finds that the designated material is generally recognized as confidential or proprietary because public disclosure could ultimately result in a competitive disadvantage for Atmos when negotiating prices for future purchase contracts; it therefore meets the criteria for confidential treatment and should be exempted from public disclosure pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Atmos's petition for confidential treatment is granted.
2. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period or until further Order of this Commission.
3. Use of the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).
4. Atmos shall inform the Commission if the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment.
5. If a nonparty to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Atmos shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Atmos is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.
6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of an Order finding that the material no longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow Atmos to seek a remedy afforded by law.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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