

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF ATMOS	)	
ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER	)	CASE NO.
AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A	)	2024-00313
\$8,000,000,000 UNIVERSAL SHELF	)	
REGISTRATION	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on November 15, 2024. The Commission directs Atmos to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and 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

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

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 Atmos obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

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

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned 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. When filing a paper containing personal information, Atmos shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to Application, page 1, paragraph 3. Explain whether the term "senior debt" means Atmos will issue long-term debt as opposed to short-term debt.
2. Refer to Application, page 2, paragraph 5. Explain how much, if any, of the shelf authority granted in Case No. 2021-00193<sup>2</sup> remains. Include in the response

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<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2021-00193, *Electronic Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for an Order Authorizing the Implementation of a \$5,000,000,000 Universal Shelf Registration* (Ky PSC May 26, 2021), Order.

whether any amounts remaining under the current shelf authority could be exercised by another Atmos Division and, if so, could it be exercised outside of Kentucky.

3. Refer to Application, page 4, paragraph 13. Explain, in greater detail, how the “at the market” (ATM) works and why the practice is more advantageous than issuing larger blocks of stock. Include an actual example of how the practice resulted in lower costs of capital to the benefit of Atmos’s customers.

4. Refer to Application, page 2, paragraph 5, and page 4, prayer for relief. Paragraph 5, on page 2, requests the termination of the shelf authority granted in Case No. 2021-00193. Atmos, in its prayer for relief on page 4, also requests the termination of the shelf authority granted in Case No. 2023-00001.<sup>3</sup>

a. Explain how much, if any, of the shelf authority granted in Case No. 2023-00001 remains. Include in the response whether any amounts remaining under the current shelf authority could be exercised by another Atmos Division and, if so, could it be exercised outside of Kentucky.

b. Identify and explain the shelf authority amounts granted in Case Nos. 2021-00193 and 2023-00001, include the projects or purposes upon which the amounts were spent by Atmos.

c. Explain whether all of Atmos’s statements made in regard to the termination of Case No. 2021-00193 will also apply to the termination of the shelf authority granted in Case No. 2023-00001.

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<sup>3</sup> Case No. 2023-00001, *Electronic Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for an Order Authorizing the Implementation of a \$5,000,000,000 Universal Shelf Registration* (Ky PSC Mar. 9, 2023), Order.



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