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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

> RE: Atmos Energy CASE NO. 2010-00353 Petition for Confidentiality

Dear Mr. Derouen:

I am enclosing herewith, an original, plus ten (10) copies, of a Petition for Confidentiality in the above referenced case. The original of the Petition contains **Confidential** information and is so marked and sealed in the attached envelope. The ten copies of the Petition have redacted copies attached. Thanks.

Very truly yours,

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Mark R. Hutchinson

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: MODIFICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TO TO INCORPORATE PERFORMANCE-BASED RATEMAKING MECHANISM (PBR)

PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BEING FILED WITH THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT ON ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S PERFORMANCE BASED RATEMAKING MECHANISM

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy" or "Company"), respectfully petitions the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and all other applicable law, for confidential treatment of the information contained in the attached document. In support of this petition, Atmos Energy states as follows:

1. On December 7, 2010, the Commission entered an Order in Case No. 2010-00353 approving an extension, as modified, of Atmos' Experimental Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism ("PBR") for a period of five (5) years. The Commission's Order further required the Company to file annual reports on the results of the PBR program by August 31 of each year, commencing in 2011. The attached report contains the quantitative results of Atmos' PBR program for the period of June, 2013 through May, 2014 and is filed in fulfillment of that requirement.

2. The Company's current gas supply contracts are with a single source supplier, Atmos Energy Marketing, Inc. ("AEM"). The contracts contain significant pricing discounts. In order to fully report to the Commission the results of the Company's current PBR program, disclosure of the discounts on gas purchases provided in the current supply contract is required. In order to protect the confidentiality of that information, not only must the discount themselves be redacted in the non-confidential version, but all information from which the discount could be calculated, must likewise be redacted. Since this information is both disclosed in, and determinable from, data appearing throughout the quantitative results contained in Exhibit "A", the entire Exhibit "A" has been redacted.

3. This type of information has been determined by the Commission in Atmos' prior PBR proceedings to be entitled to confidential protection. Nothing has occurred since the Commission granted confidential protection to this type of information that would now disqualify it from protection. The Company accordingly petitions the Commission to again treat this information as confidential.

4. The Company requests that confidential protection of the attached information be maintained permanently. The Company anticipates that stable gas prices will continue indefinitely; and, accordingly, the sensitive and confidential nature of the actual discounts on gas purchases will likewise continue indefinitely.

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(4), temporary confidentiality of the information sought to be protected herein should be maintained until the

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Commission enters an orders as to this Petition.

6. Correspondence and communications with respect to this Application should

be directed to:

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Mark Martin Vice President, Rates and Regulatory Affairs Atmos Energy Corporation 2401 New Hartford Road Owensboro, Kentucky 42303 Mark.Martin@atmosenergy.com

WHEREFORE, Company petitions the Commission to treat as confidential, on a

permanent basis, the information contained in the attached.

Respectfully submitted this <u>12</u> day of August, 2014.

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Attorney for Atmos Energy

VERIFICATION

I, Mark A. Martin, being duly sworn under oath state that I am Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs Kentucky Midstates Division for Atmos Energy Corporation, and that the statements contained in the foregoing Petition are true as I verily believe.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the <u>/2</u>day of August, 2014, the original of this Petition, with the Confidential Information for which confidential treatment is sought, together with ten (10) copies of the Petition without the confidential information, were filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and a true copy thereof mailed by first class mail to the following named persons:

Lawrence W. Cook Assistant Attorney General Office of Rate Intervention 1024 Capitol Center Drive Suite 200 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 www.ag.ky.gov

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Mark R. Hutchinson

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Atmos Energy Corporation Kentucky Division PBR Results (June 2013 - May 2014)

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