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Mark R. Hutchinson
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Re: Atmos Energy Corporation
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 12/29/09
PSC Reference – Case No. 2009-00544

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on December 29, 2009 on behalf of Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as information contained in its "GCA" for the period February 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010. The information is more particularly described as containing Atmos' quarterly Correction Factor and projected gas prices, more specifically, Exhibit D, page 5 containing actual price determinant paid to supplier and its WACOG containing projected pricing for purchase contracts.

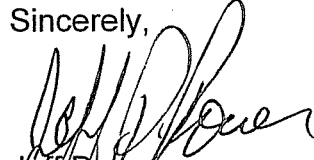
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Atmos Energy Corporation's competitive position in the industry and result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information you seek to keep confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Atmos Energy Corporation's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Atmos Energy Corporation is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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