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Executive Director  
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PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

RE: Atmos Energy  
Case No. 2015-00298  
Performance Based Rate (PBR) Report

Dear Sir:

On behalf of my client, Atmos Energy Corporation, I am enclosing herewith, an original, non-redacted, plus ten (10) redacted copies, of a Petition for Confidentiality in connection with the above referenced case. Since the information being filed herewith is confidential, it is being filed under a Petition for Confidentiality.

Very truly yours,



Mark R. Hutchinson

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF:

REQUEST OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION )  
FOR MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF IT'S )  
GAS COST ADJUSTMENT PERFORMANCE BASED ) CASE NO.  
RATEMAKING MECHANISM ) 2015-00298

**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 March 31, 2016, the Commission entered an Order in Case No. 2015-00298 approving an extension, as modified, of Atmos' Experimental Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism ("PBR") for a period of five (5) years through May 31, 2021. The Commission's Order required Atmos to file annual reports of its activities under the PBR program by August 31 of each year. The Commission's Order further requires Atmos to file an evaluation on the results of the PBR program for the first four (4) years of the five (5) year extension. Atmos is filing herewith the annual report for 2017, covering the period from June, 2016 through May, 2017.

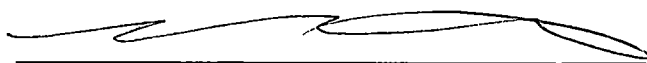
2. The Company's current gas supply contracts contain significant pricing discounts. In order to fully report to the Commission the results of the Company's current PBR program, disclosure of the discounts on gas purchases provided in the current supply contracts is required. In order to protect the confidentiality of that information, not only must the discounts themselves be redacted, 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 the attached Report, it has been redacted in its entirety.

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 confidential material should be treated as confidential indefinitely.

WHEREFORE, Company petitions the Commission to treat as confidential the information contained in the attached.

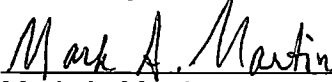
Respectfully submitted this 23 day of August, 2017.



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**VERIFICATION**

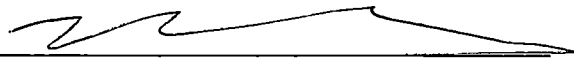
I, Mark A. Martin, being duly sworn under oath state that I am Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs Kentucky Midstates Division for Atmos Energy Corporation, and that the statements contained in the foregoing Petition are true as I verily believe.

  
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Mark A. Martin

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 23 day of August, 2017, 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:

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