

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY        | ) |          |
| CORPORATION (ATMOS), THROUGH ITS   | ) |          |
| DIVISION, WESTERN KENTUCKY GAS     | ) |          |
| COMPANY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY,    | ) | CASE NO. |
| FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE       | ) | 97-351   |
| CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF 1,500,000 | ) |          |
| SHARES OF COMMON STOCK THROUGH     | ) |          |
| ITS DIRECT STOCK PURCHASE PLAN     | ) |          |

O R D E R

On August 11, 1997, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), through its division, Western Kentucky Gas Company, applied to the Commission for authority to create and issue up to 1,500,000 shares of common stock pursuant to its Direct Stock Purchase Plan.

KRS 278.300(2) provides that the Commission shall have 60 days after filing to consider applications for authority to issue or assume securities or evidences of indebtedness unless it is necessary for good cause to continue the application. Additional information is needed in the record of this case and it will be necessary to extend the time for ruling on the financing application beyond the 60-day limit in order to obtain and review the information. Therefore, the Commission finds that good cause exists to continue the financing application beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.300(2).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Atmos's application for authority to incur additional indebtedness is continued beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.300(2).

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of October, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Linda K. Beathurst  
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

B. J. Helton  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Don Mills  
Executive Director