

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

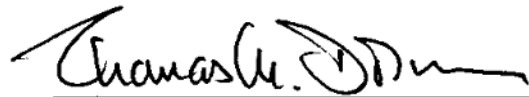
In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION, THROUGH ITS DIVISION,)	
WESTERN KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY OF)	
OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, FOR AN ORDER)	CASE NO.
AUTHORIZING THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE)	2002-00128
OF UP TO 2,500,000 SHARES OF COMMON)	
STOCK THROUGH ITS 1998 LONG-TERM)	
INCENTIVE PLAN)	

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF
TO WESTERN KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY

Western Kentucky Gas Company (Western), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and 6 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 10 days of the date of this request. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request. When applicable, the information requested herein should be provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations, separately.

1. Discuss the objectives of Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) with regard to its optimum capital structure and the effect of the stock issue upon the debt-to-equity ratios Atmos desires to attain.
2. Provide the number of shares issued each year under Atmos s 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Include the number of unissued shares that Atmos will request the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to remove from registration under the Company s Restricted Stock Grant Plan.
3. Explain whether the SEC approval has been sought. Provide a copy of the filing required by the SEC.
4. Provide the date for Atmos s 2002 shareholder meeting and, if available, the results of the shareholder vote concerning the increase of 2,500,000 shares of issuable common stock available under the 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan.



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cc: All Parties