COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE FILING BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION)CASE NO.TO EXTEND ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT)2002-00405PROGRAM AND COST RECOVERY MECHANISM)

<u>O R D E R</u>

On October 31, 2002, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") filed with the Commission a proposed tariff, to be effective January 1, 2003, that would extend Atmos s current Demand Side Management (DSM) program for 3 years under the name Atmos Energy Cares.

After review, the Commission finds that further proceedings are necessary to determine the reasonableness of the tariff proposal and that such proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Atmos s tariff proposal is hereby suspended for 5 months from January 1, 2003, up to and including May 31, 2003.

2. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of November, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director