

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS	)	
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF ATMOS ENERGY	)	
CORPORATION F/K/A WESTERN	)	CASE NO. 2003-00258
KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY	)	

O R D E R

On December 21, 1999, in Case No. 1999-00070, the Commission approved rates for Western Kentucky Gas Company ( Western ) and provided for their further adjustment in accordance with Western's gas cost adjustment ( GCA ) clause. On October 1, 2002, Western changed its name to Atmos Energy Corporation ( Atmos ).

On July 1, 2003, Atmos filed its proposed GCA to be effective August 1, 2003.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Atmos's notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its sales customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
2. Atmos's EGC for firm sales customers is \$7.4188 per Mcf, an increase of 76.38 cents per Mcf from the previous EGC of \$6.6550. Atmos's EGC for both high load factor ( HLF ) firm customers and interruptible sales customers is \$6.5401 per Mcf, an increase of 77.92 cents per Mcf from the previous EGC of \$5.7609.
3. Atmos's notice sets out no current period refund factor ( RF ) for firm sales and HLF firm customers. The total refund factor of 15.74 cents per Mcf for firm sales and HLF firm customers and 3.91 cents per Mcf for interruptible sales customers reflects adjustments from prior periods. Atmos's notice sets out a refund adjustment for

T-2 firm transportation customers of 14.76 cents per Mcf and for T-2 interruptible transportation customers of 2.93 cents per Mcf.

4. Atmos's notice sets a correction factor ( CF ) of 45.2 cents per Mcf, which is an increase of 23.56 cents per Mcf from the previous CF.

5. Atmos s notice sets out a Performance Based Rate Recovery Factor ( PBRF ) of 7.47 cents per Mcf, which is effective from February 1, 2003 until February 1, 2004.

6. Atmos s gas cost adjustments are \$7.7881 per Mcf for firm sales customers, \$6.9094 per Mcf for HLF firm customers and \$7.0277 per Mcf for interruptible sales customers. The impact on firm sales customers is an increase of \$1.0089 per Mcf from the previous gas cost adjustment of \$6.7792. The impact on HLF firm customers is an increase of \$1.0243 per Mcf from the previous gas cost adjustment of \$5.8851, and the impact on interruptible sales customers is an increase of \$1.0167 per Mcf from the previous gas cost adjustment of \$6.0110.

7. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just and reasonable, and should be approved for billing for services rendered by Atmos on and after August 1, 2003.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for billing for services rendered on and after August 1, 2003.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Atmos shall file with the Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas H. (D)", written over a horizontal line.

Executive Director

## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2003-00258 DATED July 22, 2003

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Atmos Energy Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

#### RATES:

Applicable to: General Sales Service Rate G-1

#### Gas Cost Adjustment

To each bill rendered under the above-named rate schedules there shall be added an amount equal to: \$7.7881 per Mcf of gas used during the billing period.

Applicable to: HLF General Sales Service

#### Gas Cost Adjustment

To each bill rendered under the above-named rate schedules there shall be added an amount equal to: \$6.9094 per Mcf of gas used during the billing period.

Applicable to: Interruptible Sales Service Rate G-2

#### Gas Cost Adjustment

To each bill rendered under the above-named rate schedules there shall be added an amount equal to: \$7.0277 per Mcf of gas used during the billing period.