

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A) CASE NO. 2004-00121
PERMANENT METER SAMPLING TEST PROGRAM)

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF
TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") is requested, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9, to file with the Commission the original and 8 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due 10 days from the date of this request. 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.

1. Atmos states in its application that it does not believe that a separate or additional deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25(b), is required. Explain why Atmos does not believe a separate or additional deviation is required.

2. State whether Atmos, under the current sample meter plan, has been inspecting the regulators pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25(b). If not, provide an explanation.

3. State the type of service regulators Atmos uses in its gas distribution system.

4. State the type and the number of service regulators installed inside the premises of Atmos's customers.

5. Is there a lockup device in each type of service regulator to cut the gas on low or high pressure? Explain in detail.

6. State the number and type of regulators that have been replaced annually by Atmos for the last 10 years.

7. Provide the percentage of regulators on Atmos's system that have full relief valves.

8. What is the longest period that a residential customer's regulator, vent, or relief valve could go without inspection if a deviation from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25(b), is granted?



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cc: All Parties