

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER)	
AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION)	CASE NO. 2004-00300
OF A \$2,200,000,000 UNIVERSAL SHELF)	
REGISTRATION FOR DEBT AND EQUITY)	
FINANCING)	

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF
TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is 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 within 7 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. Describe the effect, if any, the announcement of the acquisition of TXU Gas Company (“TXU”) had on the price per share of Atmos common stock. Include

with this description, Atmos's expectations regarding the price per share of its common stock after the acquisition has been finalized.

2. Describe the effect, if any, the acquisition of TXU will have on the day-to-day operations of Atmos and any short-term plans Atmos may have for its Kentucky division. Include in this description any planned changes in Atmos's organizational structure that may affect the reporting relationship between Atmos and its Kentucky division.

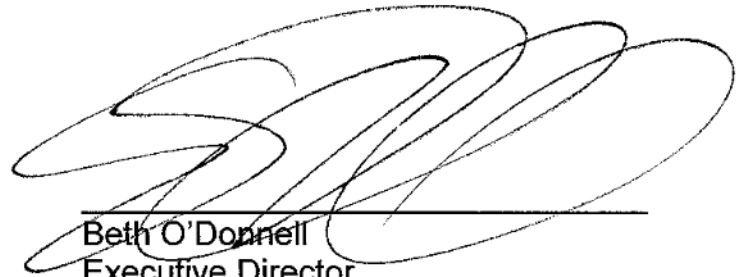
3. State whether Atmos's Kentucky division could be exposed to increased costs for short-term debt as a result of the acquisition of TXU. Explain.

4. State whether Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") approval has been sought. If yes, provide a copy of the filing made with the SEC.

5. Refer to page 10 of the revised Exhibit A to the application. State whether the purchase price of \$1,932,540 includes any or all debt of TXU that is to be assumed by Atmos.

6. Describe the effect Atmos believes the acquisition of TXU will have on the following:

- a. Atmos's Kentucky Division Capital Account.
- b. Dallas General Office Capital Allocation.
- c. Total Capital Account.
- d. Return on Capital Account.
- e. Interest portion of Return on Capital
- f. Equity Portion of Return on Capital.



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DATED September 2, 2004

cc: All Parties