

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. 2006-00135
KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY	)	

O R D E R

On December 21, 1999, in Case No. 1999-00070,<sup>1</sup> 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 March 30, 2006, Atmos filed its proposed GCA to be effective May 1, 2006.

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 expected gas cost (“EGC”) for firm sales customers is \$9.0117 per Mcf, a decrease of \$2.5524 per Mcf from the previous EGC of \$11.5641. Atmos's EGC for both high load factor (“HLF”) firm customers and interruptible sales customers is \$8.1384 per Mcf, a decrease of \$2.3830 per Mcf from the previous EGC of \$10.5214.
3. Atmos’s notice sets out no current period refund factor (“RF”) for firm sales and HLF firm customers. The total refund factor is (.17) cent per Mcf for firm sales and

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 1999-00070, The Application of Western Kentucky Gas Company for An Adjustment of Rates.

HLF firm customers, and (.17) cent per Mcf for interruptible sales customers, and represents no change from the prior refund adjustment. Atmos's notice sets out no refund adjustment for T-2 firm transportation customers or for T-2 interruptible transportation customers.

4. Atmos's notice sets out a correction factor ("CF") of 29.88 cents per Mcf, which is a decrease of 47.29 cents per Mcf from the previous CF.

5. Atmos's notice sets out a Performance Based Rate Recovery Factor ("PBRF") of 3.99 cents per Mcf, which is effective from February 1, 2006 until February 1, 2007.

6. Atmos's gas cost adjustments are \$9.3487 per Mcf for firm sales customers and \$8.4754 per Mcf for HLF firm customers and for interruptible sales customers. The impact on firm sales customers is a decrease of \$3.0253 per Mcf from the previous gas cost adjustment of \$12.3740. The impact on HLF firm customers is a decrease of \$2.8559 per Mcf from the previous gas cost adjustment of \$11.3313, and the impact on interruptible sales customers is a decrease of \$2.8559 per Mcf from the previous gas cost adjustment of \$11.3313.

7. The rates in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are fair, just and reasonable, and should be approved for final meter readings by Atmos on and after May 1, 2006.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for final meter readings on and after May 1, 2006.

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2006-00135 DATED April 24, 2006

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: \$9.3487 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: \$8.4754 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: \$8.4754 per Mcf of gas used during the billing period.