

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY )  
CORPORATION FOR CONTINUATION OF ) CASE NO. 2012-00440  
ITS HEDGING PROGRAM )

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and 10 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 14 days of the date of this Order. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Atmos shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which

Atmos fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Atmos shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

1. Considering the continuation of current relatively low natural gas prices and published natural gas price projections, explain why Atmos continues to believe that hedging is in the best interest of its customers. The explanation should include the reduction of its historic decrease in gas price volatility attributable to hedging compared to the annual cost of hedging since the Order in Case No. 2007-00551.<sup>1</sup>

2. Confirm that Atmos is proposing no change from its currently approved hedging plan, other than the added ability to use options as a hedging tool as approved on an interim basis in Case No. 2012-00110.<sup>2</sup>



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DATED           JAN 09 2013<sup>m</sup>          

cc: Parties of Record

<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2007-00551, Application of Atmos Energy for Modification of Its Approved Hedging Program (Ky. PSC Apr. 8, 2008). Also See Interim Report of Atmos Energy Corporation on Its Hedging Program for the 2007-2008 Heating Season.

<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2012-00110, Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for Clarification or Alternatively for Modification of Its Approved Hedging Program (Ky. PSC Apr. 24, 2012).

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