## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC REQUEST OF ATMOS ENERGY	)	
CORPORATION FOR MODIFICATION AND	)	Case No. 2020-00289
EXTENSION OF ITS GAS COST ADJUSTMENT	)	
PERFORMANCE BASED RATEMAKING	)	
MECHANISM	)	

## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AND ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S AMENDED JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING SUBMISSION OF CASE AND MOTION TO FILE BRIEFS

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention ("Attorney General") and Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), hereby submit their amended joint statement regarding submission of this case for a decision. Pursuant to the Commission's October 19, 2020 Order in this matter, the parties are required by February 25, 2021, to either request a hearing or state whether the case can be submitted on the existing record.

On January 15, 2021, the Attorney General and Atmos filed a joint statement agreeing that a hearing is not necessary and that the case should be submitted for a decision on the record after each party files a brief stating their respective positions. The Attorney General and Atmos requested that they be permitted to file simultaneous briefs no later than February 25, 2021, and that the matter then be submitted for a decision without a hearing.

The Attorney General and Atmos are filing an amended joint statement and motion to file briefs because an Order has not been issued either granting or denying the January 15, 2021 pleading. Thus, in case the Commission intends to have a hearing on the matter, the parties did not want to file briefs into the record beforehand. Additionally, due to the severe weather and related power outages in Texas, it has caused undue hardship on Atmos' personnel to assist counsel

with its brief. Therefore, the Attorney General and Atmos respectfully request that they be permitted to file simultaneous briefs no later than March 25, 2021, and that the matter then be submitted for a decision without a hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE**

Pursuant to the Commission's Orders dated March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020, in Case No. 2020-00085, and in accord with all other applicable law, Counsel certifies that the foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on February 23, 2021, and there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding. Further, the Attorney General will submit the paper originals of the foregoing to the Commission within 30 days after the Governor lifts the current state of emergency.

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

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