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Linda C. Bridwell
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Atmos Energy Corporation:
Case No. 2021-00214

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Atmos Energy submits this letter in response to an inquiry by the Commission about the propriety of moving forward with the hearing scheduled to begin on Tuesday December 14 given the current state of emergency in Kentucky, including Atmos Energy's service territory. Atmos Energy appreciates the Commission's initiative in dealing with this matter. Due to the devastating impact of the Friday night storms across portions of Atmos Energy's service area, particularly Mayfield, Bowling Green, Princeton, Dawson Springs, Bremen and surrounding areas, Atmos Energy's staff is focused on the continued safe operation of its system for its customers and communities and the restoration of service as quickly as possible.

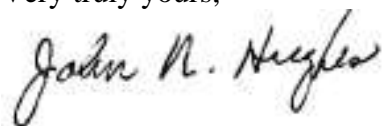
In order to focus its full attention on emergency response and restoration efforts for our customers and communities, Atmos Energy believes that the hearing should not be held as scheduled. The Attorney General indicated he has no objection to postponing the hearing.

As an alternative to rescheduling the hearing, Atmos Energy proposes that the Commission staff and the Attorney General submit in writing any additional questions they may have for the Company's witnesses. After the responses are filed, the parties would submit briefs. At that point, should the Commission believe that a hearing on some of the issues is necessary, it could be scheduled. If not, the case would be submitted for decision on the record. Atmos Energy believes this option allows for a complete and thorough review of the application while allowing the Company to focus its efforts on service to its customers – a process that will continue for an extended period.

Atmos Energy has discussed this alternative approach with counsel for the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG"), who is reviewing the proposal. We look forward to discussing this further with the Commission and the OAG to explore whether such an approach would be the most efficient way to bring this case to a final order.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John N. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

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