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

> Re: Atmos Energy Corporation Case No. 2022-00222

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Atmos Energy Corporation submits its refund report pursuant to the order dated May 25, 2023.

I certify that the electronic documents are true and correct copies of the original documents and that no party has been excused from electronic service.

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

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Electronic Application of Atmos)	
Energy Corporation to Establish PRP)	(
Rider Rates for the Twelve Month)	
Period Beginning October 1, 2022)	

Case No. 2022-00222

Response to Commission Order dated May 25, 2023

Ordering Paragraph 6 – Refund Report

Pursuant to the Commission's Order on May 25, 2023, Atmos Energy Corporation

("Atmos Energy" or "Company"), by counsel, submits its response to Ordering Paragraph 6. Ordering

Paragraph 6 states:

"6. Within 75 days from the date of this Order, Atmos-Ky. shall submit a written report to the Commission in which it describes its efforts to refund all monies collected in excess of the rates that are set forth in the Appendix B to this Order."

Background

On July 29, 2022, Atmos Energy filed an application and tariff to revise its Pipeline

Replacement Program ("PRP) rates, effective October 1, 2022, based on a forecasted test

period ending September 30, 2023. On August 12, 2022, the Commission entered an Order

suspending rates for one day, October 1, 2022, and established a procedural schedule. Pursuant

to KRS 278.190(2), Atmos Energy filed written notice to the Commission of its intention to

place the suspended rates into effect on and after October 2, 2022, subject to refund, pending

the Commission's final Order in this matter. The Commission's final Order was entered May 25, 2023 which approved lower rates than Atmos Energy placed into effect on October 2, 2022.

Refund Report

Based upon the Commission's final Order, the Company began calculating refunds due each customer and the Company has executed the following procedures:

- The Company calculated the PRP rate refund due each customer based on each individual customer's usage from October 2, 2022 through the customer's most recent meter reading prior to May 25, 2023. The refund due each customer equals the amount paid by each customer during that period in excess of the rates approved by the Commission in Appendix B of the final Order.
 - a. The Company calculated the volumetric rate refund due each customer by comparing the difference between rates implemented on October 2, 2022 and those in the final Order based on each customer's individual usage from October 2, 2022 through the customer's most recent meter reading prior to May 25, 2023. There is no monthly customer charge in the Company's PRP, so only the volumetric calculation is needed.
- 2. The Company then added interest to the net refund due as calculated in Part 1.
 - a. The Company used a simple interest calculation of 4.53% added to the balance of the refund due. The 4.53% represents the Commercial Paper average rate for the period between October 2, 2022 and May 25, 2023. The information to calculate the rate may be found here:

https://www.federalreserve.gov/datadownload/Download.aspx?rel=CP&series=a2630aa5 1ee22724ec52389d1c7a199a&filetype=spreadsheetml&label=include&layout=seriescolu mn&from=10/02/2022&to=05/25/2023. The Company simplified the calculation of interest due by calculating the 4.53% on the entire refund balance due rather than considering the timing of actual payments made by customers.

- 3. The Company credited each customer's bill for the refund due including interest on the customer's billing date as each billing cycle commenced beginning June 23, 2023. All billing cycles were complete and refunds credited within the 60-day period as set forth in Ordering Paragraph 6.
- 4. For customers whose status became inactive between October 2, 2022 and the calculation of the refund, the Company mailed a check to the customer's last known or forwarding address.

The Company refunded a total of \$537,281.50 including \$23,276.31 of interest. These amounts have been credited to customers' bills as described above or mailed to the customer's last known forwarding address if applicable. Please see Exhibit 1 for detailed information regarding the amount of refund issued by customer class.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of August, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE

In accordance with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, I certify that this electronic filing is a true and accurate copy of the documents filed that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on August 4, 2023 and that no party has been excused from participation by electronic means.

John N. Hugles

Atmos Energy Corporation Kentucky/Mid-States Division Kentucky Operations Case No. 2022-00222 Ordering Paragraph 6 - Refund Report Exhibit 1

	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Public Authority	Transportation Total	
Refund Interest	, ,	\$ (105,831.84) \$ (4,793.33)				,
Total Refund	\$ (306,328.55)	\$ (110,625.17)	\$ (12,446.35)\$ (18,911.47)\$ (88,969.96)\$ (537,2	81.50)