

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

January 20, 2023

Ms. Linda Bridwell
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: **Case No. 2022-00403**
In the Matter of an Electronic Review of the Pilot Program for Economic
Development Extensions of Service of Gas Local Distribution Companies

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Enclosed please find and accept for filing the comments of Atmos Energy Corporation pursuant to the Commission's December 13, 2022 Order in this proceeding regarding the Commission's Economic Development Extension pilot program.

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8 and the Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085, I certify that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on January 20, 2023 and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means.

Please contact me at (615) 771-8330 if you have any questions and/or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

ELECTRONIC REVIEW OF THE PILOT)
PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC)
DEVELOPMENT EXTENSIONS OF) Case No. 2022-00403
SERVICE OF GAS LOCAL)
DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES)

COMMENTS OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

I. INTRODUCTION

Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos Energy” or “the Company”) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in this proceeding regarding the review of the Kentucky Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) EDX Pilot Program. On January 24, 2020, the Commission issued an Order establishing an administrative case to review the procedure for approval of economic development extensions (EDXs), which are extensions of service in the ordinary course of business to potential economic development projects for gas local distribution companies (LDCs).¹ The Commission, on May 4, 2020, issued an Order establishing the EDX Pilot Program.² In the Order, the Commission reminded all parties that the EDX Pilot Program will remain in effect for as long as the Commission deems necessary in order to evaluate the effectiveness of its procedures.³ The Commission also stated it will internally evaluate the effectiveness of the EDX Pilot Program at periodic intervals and reserve the right to cancel or modify the EDX Pilot Program at any time.⁴

II. DISCUSSION

Atmos Energy Corporation supports economic development and policies that encourage economic development in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Company believes that

¹ Case No. 2020-00001, *Electronic Investigation of a Pilot Program for Economic Development Extensions of Service of Gas Local Distribution Companies* (Ky. PSC Jan. 24, 2020).

² Case No. 2020-00001, *Electronic Investigation of a Pilot Program for Economic Development Extensions of Service of Gas Local Distribution Companies* (Ky. PSC May 4, 2020)

³ Case No. 2020-00001, *Electronic Investigation of a Pilot Program for Economic Development Extensions of Service of Gas Local Distribution Companies* (Ky. PSC May 4, 2020) Order at 2.

⁴ *Id.*

continued engagement between the Commission and utilities should be encouraged to help further promote economic development. The Company is unaware of an instance in its service territory that has necessitated utilizing the EDX Pilot Program so far but has utilized other options for economic development with Commission approval such as Economic-Development Rider Contracts. To the extent that both the Company and the Commission can provide additional incentives, regulatory certainty, and timely engagement on economic development issues the Company believes that a strong partnership in this area benefits all stakeholders. The Company supports the continuation of the EDX Pilot Program as part of that process to provide potential incentives to further encourage economic development.

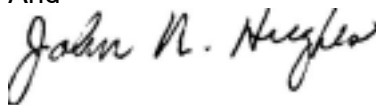
III. CONCLUSION

Atmos Energy appreciates the opportunity to offer its comments on the EDX Pilot Program and explore ways to work with the Commission to enhance economic development in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with the Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085, this is to certify that the electronic filing is a true and accurate version of the document that has been transmitted to the Commission on January 20, 2023, and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means

John N. Hedges