

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY	)	
CORPORATION TO EXTEND ITS GAS	)	CASE NO.
COST ADJUSTMENT PERFORMANCE	)	2026-00224
BASED RATEMAKING MECHANISM	)	

APPLICATION

Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos Energy” or “Company”), by counsel, applies to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”), to renew its Gas Cost Adjustment Performance Based Rate (“PBR”) mechanism. In support of this Application, Company states as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Atmos Energy is a foreign corporation with its headquarters in Dallas, Texas and its Kentucky office in Owensboro, Kentucky. Atmos Energy provides natural gas service to over 3.3 million residential, commercial, industrial, and public-authority customers in eight states through its six gas utility operating divisions. The gas operating divisions are located in Denver, Colorado (Colorado-Kansas Division); Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Louisiana Division); Jackson, Mississippi (Mississippi Division); Lubbock, Texas (West Texas Division); Dallas, Texas (Mid-Tex Division); and Franklin, Tennessee (Kentucky/Mid-States Division). Atmos Energy provides service to approximately 180,694 customers throughout its service area extending from Western to Central Kentucky. Atmos Energy’s customers are made up of residential, commercial, and

industrial customers. Residential class customer accounts are the majority of meters, approximately 160,460.

2. Atmos Energy is a utility as defined by KRS 278.010(3)(b) and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to KRS 278.040.

3. Atmos Energy is requesting the Commission extend the Company’s existing PBR Mechanism and permit an adjustment to its two established tiers used for sharing between the Company and its Customers.

II. FILING REQUIREMENTS

4. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14(1) Atmos Energy states that its full name is Atmos Energy Corporation. Its mailing address is 3275 Highland Pointe Drive, Owensboro, Kentucky 42303 and its email address is mark.martin@atmosenergy.com. Atmos Energy’s telephone number is (270) 685-8000 and its facsimile number is (270) 689-2076.

5. Atmos Energy requests that the following be included on the service list for this proceeding:

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6. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14(2), Atmos Energy was initially incorporated in Texas on February 6, 1981. Its articles of incorporation were filed in Case No.

2021-00214.¹ Atmos Energy states it is a foreign corporation in good standing to operate in Kentucky. A certificate of good standing is included as **Exhibit 1**.

7. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(2)(a), the Company is filing this Application in compliance with prior Commission Orders.² This Application and the Exhibits contain the facts on which the relief being requested is based and the request for the relief sought.

8. In support of this Application, the Company is including Direct Testimony, attached at **Exhibit 2**, of Don A. Erickson, Director of Regional Gas Supply and Services for Atmos Energy Corporation.

9. Atmos Energy is providing the Annual Report for 2025 as **Confidential Exhibit 3**. As directed by the Commission, Atmos Energy is providing an Evaluation Report on the results of the PBR from April 1, 2021 through May 2026 as **Confidential Exhibit 4**.³

9. Atmos Energy provided notice to its customers of this Application by publishing notice in newspapers of general circulation in its service territory. Atmos Energy is providing a copy of the customer notice and the publisher's affidavit are attached as **Exhibit 5** for the first week of publication. Atmos Energy will supplement this filing with the additional two weeks of notice after publication.

¹ Case No. 2021-00214, *Electronic Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for an Adjustment of Rates* (filed June 30, 2021).

² Case No. 2020-00289, *Electronic Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for Modification and Extension of its Gas Cost Adjustment Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism*, June 20, 2022 Order (Ky. PSC June 20, 2022) and Case No. 2024-00205, *Electronic Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism*, June 30, 2025 Order (Ky. PSC June 30, 2025).

³ Case No. 2024-00205, June 30, 2025 Order at 10.

10. Revised tariff sheets shown by a copy of the present tariff indicating proposed additions by italicized inserts or underscoring and striking over proposed deletions and revised tariff sheets are provided as **Exhibit 6**.

11. Atmos Energy is requesting the Commission continue the PBR Mechanism until 2032 and allow for modifications of the tiers used to share savings between shareholders and customers.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests the Commission:

- (1) Approve the continuation of the PBR Mechanism for the proposed five-year period;
- (2) Adjust the tiers in which saving are shared between customers and shareholders;
and
- (3) All other relief to which Atmos Energy may be entitled.

This the 28th day of August 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission for filing on August 28, 2026; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; by virtue of the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copies of this filing will be made.

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Exhibit 1

Commonwealth of Kentucky
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I, Michael G. Adams, Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby certify that according to the records in the Office of the Secretary of State,

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Texas, is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and received the authority to transact business in Kentucky on December 14, 1987.

I further certify that all fees and penalties owed to the Secretary of State have been paid; that an application for certificate of withdrawal has not been filed; and that the most recent annual report required by KRS 14A.6-010 has been delivered to the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of September, 2024, in the 233rd year of the Commonwealth.



Michael G. Adams

Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky
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Exhibit 2

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TESTIMONY OF DON A. ERICKSON

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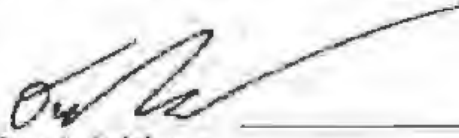
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VERIFICATION OF DON A. ERICKSON

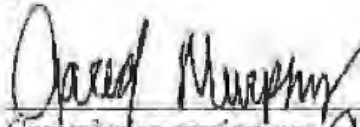
STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

Don A. Erickson, Director of Regional Gas Supply and Services for Atmos Energy Corporation, being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of the his Direct Testimony on behalf of Atmos Energy Corporation, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.


Don A. Erickson

25th The foregoing Verification was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me this the day of August 2026, by Don Erickson.


Commission expiration: July 23 2028



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OF DON A. ERICKSON, WITNESS FOR
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

3 A. My name is Don A. Erickson. I am Director of Regional Gas Supply and Services
4 for Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy" or "Company"). My business
5 address is Lincoln Center II, 5420 LBJ Freeway Dallas, TX, 75240.

6 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES**
7 **AND PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.**

8 A. I am primarily responsible for overseeing the day-to-day supply activity, including
9 purchasing physical gas and managing storage positions for customer needs, the
10 financial hedging programs across the enterprise (both physical and financial), as
11 well as ensuring standardization within the Gas Supply group regarding systems,
12 tools and processes. I received my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration,
13 majoring in Finance from the University of New Orleans and a Master of Business
14 Administration from Tulane University. Upon graduation in 2006, I began working
15 for Atmos Energy fulfilling various roles in the marketing and utility group and I
16 had successive roles of increasing responsibility in multiple groups throughout the
17 enterprise.

18 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY BEFORE THE**
19 **KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ("COMMISSION")?**

20 A. No.

1 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY ON MATTERS**
2 **BEFORE OTHER STATE REGULATORY COMMISSIONS?**

3 A. Yes. I provided testimony in Dockets U-35535, U-35937, U-36301 and U-36658,
4 all before the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

5 **II. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

6 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

7 A. My direct testimony will support the Company's application to extend its existing
8 Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism ("PBR Mechanism") in Kentucky and
9 its request for an adjustment to its two established tiers used for sharing between
10 the Company and its Customers.

11 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY ATTACHMENTS?**

12 A. No.

13 **III. PBR MECHANISM**

14 **Q. PLEASE STATE THE PURPOSE OF THE PBR PROGRAM.**

15 A. The PBR Mechanism was designed to create a system of rewards and penalties that
16 would encourage Atmos Energy to acquire low-cost supplies of natural gas. Actual
17 costs are compared to an established benchmark of costs, generally based on market
18 prices for gas, and any excess costs or savings are shared between shareholders and
19 customers. In addition, due to the framework of comparing actual costs to
20 established benchmarks (along with incentives/disincentives), the PBR Mechanism
21 serves as a built-in reasonableness review which then eliminates the need for a
22 stand-alone review of gas procurement. The elimination of a separate gas

1 procurement review (and subsequent costs related to performing said review)
2 results in additional savings for customers.

3 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE THE PRIOR HISTORY OF THE COMPANY'S**
4 **EXISTING PBR MECHANISM.**

5 A. On December 19, 1997, Atmos Energy (then Western Kentucky Gas Company)
6 filed with the Commission a proposal to implement a PBR Mechanism for three
7 years. On June 1, 1998, the Commission approved Atmos Energy's proposal with
8 slight modifications. On December 14, 1998, the Commission approved a request
9 by Atmos Energy to change the commencement date of the PBR Mechanism to July
10 1, 1998 to synchronize the start of the PBR Mechanism with the effective date of
11 the new gas supply contract Atmos Energy entered into as a result of the
12 Commission's PBR Mechanism approval order. The original three-year pilot was
13 then extended through June 30, 2001.¹

14 On April 2, 2001, Atmos Energy filed with the Commission a proposal to
15 extend the three-year pilot through March 31, 2002. On June 15, 2001, the
16 Commission approved an extension of Atmos Energy's PBR Mechanism pilot
17 through March 31, 2002. On September 28, 2001, Atmos Energy filed with the
18 Commission to extend the PBR Mechanism for an additional term of five years,
19 commencing on April 1, 2002. On March 25, 2002, the Commission approved the

¹ Case No. 1997-00513, *In the Matter of the Modification To Western Kentucky Gas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation (WKG) Gas Cost Adjustment to Incorporate an Experimental Performance Based Rate Making Mechanism*, December 14, 1998 Order (Ky. PSC December 14, 1998).

1 PBR Mechanism, as modified, for a period of four years, commencing on April 1,
2 2002.²

3 On July 29, 2005, Atmos Energy filed with the Commission a proposal to
4 extend its existing PBR Mechanism for two months to synchronize the term of the
5 RFP with its current asset management contract and to implement a revised PBR
6 Mechanism for a period of five years effective June 1, 2006. On February 8, 2006,
7 the Commission approved Atmos Energy's proposal with slight modifications for a
8 five-year term through May 31, 2011.³

9 On August 31, 2010, Atmos Energy filed with the Commission to extend
10 the PBR Mechanism for an additional term of five years, commencing on June 1,
11 2011. On December 7, 2010, the Commission approved Atmos Energy's proposal
12 with slight modifications for a five-year term through May 31, 2016.⁴

13 On August 31, 2015, Atmos Energy filed with the Commission to extend
14 the PBR Mechanism for an additional term of five years, commencing June 1, 2016,
15 along with tariff modifications. On March 31, 2016, the Commission approved
16 Atmos Energy's proposal for extension and tariff modifications for a five-year term
17 through May 31, 2021.⁵

² Case No. 2001-00317, *The Modification to Western Kentucky Gas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation (WKG) Gas Cost Adjustment to Incorporate an Experimental Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism*, March 25, 2002 Order (Ky. PSC March 25, 2002).

³ Case No. 2025-00321, *Modifications of Atmos Energy Corporation's Gas Cost Adjustment to Incorporate Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism*, February 8, 2026 Order (Ky. PSC February 8, 2006).

⁴ Case No. 2010-00353, *Request of Atmos Energy Corporation for Modification and Extension of its Gas Cost Adjustment Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism*, December 7, 2010 Order (Ky. PSC December 10, 2010).

⁵ Case No. 2015-00298, *Request of Atmos Energy Corporation for Modification and Extension of its Gas Cost Adjustment Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism*, March 31, 2016 Order (Ky. PSC March 31, 2016.)

1 On August 31, 2020, Atmos Energy filed with the Commission to extend
2 the PBR Mechanism for an additional five-year term, commencing on June 1, 2021.

3 On June 20, 2022, the Commission approved the Company's PBR Mechanism for
4 an extension through May 31, 2025.⁶

5 On August 30, 2024, Atmos Energy filed with the Commission to extend
6 the PBR Mechanism for an additional five-year term, commencing on June 1, 2025.

7 On June 30, 2025, the Commission approved the Company's PBR Mechanism for
8 an extension through March 31, 2027.⁷

9 **Q. IN CASE NO. 2024-00205, THE COMMISSION REQUIRED ATMOS**
10 **ENERGY TO PROVIDE ITS REPORTS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL**
11 **INFORMATION. HAS ATMOS ENERGY DONE SO IN THIS**
12 **PROCEEDING?**

13 A. Yes. In Case 2024-00205,⁸ the Commission ordered Atmos Energy to provide its
14 Annual Report and Evaluation Report with supplemental information that provides
15 a monthly breakdown of the costs or savings for each basic component of the PBR.
16 The Commission also stated Atmos Energy should provide information regarding
17 the benchmarks used and the costs associated with gas costs used against the
18 benchmarks. Atmos Energy is providing the required information in Confidential
19 Exhibit 3 and Confidential Exhibit 4 to the Application in the required Excel format.

⁶ Case No. 2020-00289, *Electronic Request of Atmos Energy Corporation for Modification and Extension of its Gas Cost Adjustment Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism*, June 20, 2022 (Ky. PSC June 20, 2022).

⁷ Case No. 2024-00205, *Electronic Application of Atmos Energy Corporation for Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism*, June 30, 2025 Order (Ky. PSC June 30, 2025).

⁸ Case No. 2024-00205, June 30, 2025 Order at 9-10.

1 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PBR MECHANISM**
2 **OPERATION.**

3 A. While the full PBR Mechanism may be found in the Company's Tariff, the PBR
4 Mechanism consists of three main components listed below covering the three areas
5 which affect gas cost for the Company's customers. The components and
6 subcomponents are:

7 (1) Commodity Costs – Gas Acquisition Index Factor (GAIF);

8 (1a) Gas Acquisition Index Factor Baseload (GAIFBL)

9 (1b) Gas Acquisition Index Factor Swing Load (GAIFSL)

10 (2) Transportation Costs – Transportation Index Factor (TIF);

11 (3) Off-system Sales transactions – Off System Sales Index Factor (OSSIF).

12 The PBR Mechanism functions by establishing a benchmark for commodity and
13 transportation costs, comparing actual costs to the benchmarks, and allocating the
14 differences between the Company and its customers. When actual gas costs are less
15 than the established benchmark, Atmos Energy and customers share in the savings
16 through two established tiers. Variances ranging from 0 to 9.4 percent of Atmos
17 Energy's actual gas costs will be shared 70 percent to customers and 30 percent to
18 shareholders and variances greater than 9.4 percent will be shared 50/50 between
19 customers and shareholders. The shared savings are the incentives the PBR
20 Mechanism creates for Atmos Energy. When actual gas costs are greater than the
21 established benchmark, Atmos Energy and its customers share in the excess costs,
22 applying the same two tiers and sharing percentages. This represents the potential

1 risks of the PBR Mechanism to the Company.

2 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PBR MECHANISM COMPONENTS IN**
3 **FURTHER DETAIL.**

4 A. The components are described in detail within the Atmos Energy Tariff. In
5 summary:

6 GAIF is the Gas Commodity Cost component mechanism, which includes
7 base load purchases, swing purchases, and fixed asset management discounts. The
8 benchmarks for baseload purchases are the average of Inside Federal Energy
9 Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Index price for ANR-Louisiana, Texas Gas
10 Zone 1, Tennessee Louisiana 500 Leg, Trunkline Louisiana, and New York
11 Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). The benchmark for swing purchases is the Gas
12 Daily Index midpoint prices for ANR-Louisiana Onshore South, Texas Gas Zone
13 1, Tennessee Gas 500 Leg, Trunkline Zone 1A and Henry Hub.

14 TIF is the Transportation Cost component mechanism, which includes
15 natural gas transportation services, both pipeline demand and volumetric costs, and
16 all applicable FERC approved surcharges. Total Annual Benchmark Transportation
17 Costs ("TABTC") for pipeline demand costs is the tariffed Pipeline Demand Rate
18 multiplied by the Demand Quantities contracted for by the Company from the
19 applicable transportation provider. TABTC for the pipeline volumetric costs is the
20 tariffed Pipeline Commodity Rate multiplied by Actual Volumes delivered at the
21 Company's city gate by the applicable transportation provider. Total Annual Actual
22 Transportation Costs ("TAATC") paid by Company for the PBR Mechanism period
23 includes both pipeline demand and volumetric costs associated with natural gas

1 pipeline transportation services as well as all applicable FERC approved
2 surcharges, direct bills included in surcharges, and direct bills, less actual capacity
3 release credits. The TIF is calculated by comparing the TABTC during the PBR
4 period to the TAATC applicable to the same period to determine if any shared
5 expenses or shared savings exist.

6 The OSSIF is the Off-system Sales component mechanism, which includes
7 total revenue associated with off-system sales and storage service transactions less
8 the out-of-pocket costs associated with off-system sales and storage service
9 transactions, as more fully defined in the Atmos Energy Tariff.

10 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS THE COMPANY'S APPROACH TO GAS**
11 **COMMODITY PURCHASES IN RELATION TO THE PBR MECHANISM.**

12 A. Atmos Energy's response to the rewards and penalties inherent in the PBR
13 Mechanism was to develop a prudent and beneficial gas supply contract model that
14 would assure Atmos Energy's continued long-term success in purchasing gas
15 commodity. In designing such a contract model, Atmos Energy assumed several
16 key provisions were necessary to maximize savings:

- 17 • The contract must be competitively bid to minimize price;
- 18 • A single source supply contract for Atmos Energy's distribution systems
19 served by Texas Gas/Trunkline/ANR and a single source supply contract for
20 Atmos Energy's distribution systems served by Tennessee Gas Pipelines
21 would generate greater overall discounts;
- 22 • A comprehensive gas supply contract would encourage bids without supply
23 reservation fees;

- 1 • Maximizing the term of the contract and the “opportunities” available to
- 2 potential bidders under the contract would further maximize bids; and
- 3 • The contract must be expressed in price terms that mirror the pre-established
- 4 benchmarks under the PBR Mechanism to assure measurability against those
- 5 benchmarks and as well as savings.

6 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ACTIONS THE COMPANY WOULD DO**
7 **DIFFERENTLY IN ITS APPROACH TO GAS COMMODITY PURCHASES**
8 **WITHOUT THE EXISTENCE AND INCENTIVES OF THE PBR**
9 **MECHANISM.**

10 A. Traditionally, utilities will enter into transportation contracts to utilize the most
11 liquid supply points for receipts into its distribution system. Currently, the
12 Company accepts a certain level of price risk in exchange for the opportunity to
13 generate savings against a benchmark. In order to effectuate these savings, a certain
14 amount of the Company’s entitlements are at locations which may, at times,
15 experience increased volatility. The volatility at these points may increase costs
16 above the established benchmarks whereby the Company would share in these
17 increased costs, introducing an element of risk that would otherwise not exist.
18 Without the PBR Mechanism, the Company would no longer be incentivized to
19 hold capacity at locations with significant commodity price risk against relevant
20 benchmarks. The Company would most likely seek to adjust their entitlements to
21 more liquid points. Moving to points with more price stability may lower the
22 uncertainty of gas cost, but the tradeoff may be an overall cost increase in gas
23 purchase and transportation costs.

1 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS THE COMPANY’S INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO**
2 **TRANSPORTATION PURCHASES.**

3 A. Atmos Energy’s approach to the Transportation Cost Component of the PBR
4 Mechanism is a multi-pronged method. First, the Company seeks out and negotiates
5 the steepest possible discounts, while ensuring firm delivery to city gates, from
6 FERC-approved transportation rates with its existing interstate pipeline
7 transportation providers that generate the most savings for customers. Second, the
8 Company utilizes segmented capacity on its interstate pipelines, where possible.
9 Third, the Company capitalizes on its Asset Management Agreements to utilize its
10 Asset Managers for delivered service in specific areas.

11 **Q. DOES THE COMPANY UTILIZE CAPACITY RELEASE IN ITS**
12 **OVERALL SUPPLY PLAN WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE PBR? IF**
13 **NOT, WHY?**

14 A. No. By bidding agreements in the form of an Asset Management Agreement, the
15 Company will achieve greater success in the PBR mechanism with the assets
16 available and provide better value to the customers overall under the commodity
17 portion of gas cost.

18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STRATEGIES THAT ATMOS ENERGY**
19 **UTILIZES REGARDING PIPELINE DISCOUNTS FOR KENTUCKY.**

20 A. Traditionally, it is difficult for local distribution companies to obtain pipeline
21 discounts from their respective pipeline supply source as these pipeline companies
22 can view a utility as a “captive customer” so to speak. However, as existing pipeline
23 contracts are, and continue to be, extended or re-negotiated, Atmos Energy

1 aggressively seeks out and evaluates alternative pipeline suppliers and potential
2 service from those alternative suppliers as a bargaining tool to negotiate meaningful
3 discounts. As a result of remaining vigilant by continually monitoring the ever-
4 changing natural gas transportation landscape, Atmos Energy has been able to
5 renegotiate discounted transportation capacity arrangements.

6 Atmos Energy implemented an innovative strategy for generating pipeline
7 demand savings through the receipt of segmented capacity from another Atmos
8 Energy division. Atmos Energy identified a cost savings opportunity for its
9 Mississippi (Atmos Energy MS) and Kentucky (Atmos Energy KY) divisions.
10 Atmos Energy MS created savings by releasing firm pipeline capacity to Atmos
11 Energy KY. The capacity is shared via a segmented capacity release, essentially
12 dividing the transportation path into an Atmos MS segment and an Atmos Energy
13 KY segment. Each segment is recognized by the interstate pipeline as a separate
14 contract segment with its own entitlements; the cost is split between the two
15 divisions and invoiced separately by the pipeline. The Company is able to receive
16 secondary firm service on both contract segments. This provides a lower demand
17 charge than the Atmos Energy MS and Atmos Energy KY divisions would pay if
18 they individually acquired capacity from the pipeline. While this segmented
19 service does operate with firm entitlements, they are not the highest level of priority
20 possible. This does provide savings to Atmos Energy's customers but does
21 introduce a level of risk to the Company. For example, if transportation capacity
22 were to be cut and the pipeline only allowed the highest level of firm service to
23 flow, Atmos Energy would incur incremental costs to ensure gas is delivered to

1 their customers. These incremental costs potentially would be greater than the
2 benchmark and Atmos Energy would have to absorb a portion of these costs.
3 Savings generated through the segmented release flows through the PBR
4 Mechanism Transportation Cost Component.

5 **Q. DESCRIBE HOW THE COMPANY CAPITALIZES ON ITS ASSET**
6 **MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS TO UTILIZE ITS ASSET MANAGERS**
7 **FOR DELIVERED SERVICE.**

8 A. Atmos Energy works with its Asset Managers to supplement its supply portfolio
9 through the use of delivered service gas. Essentially, it is a bundled supply and
10 transportation service where the commodity price is inclusive of any upstream
11 transportation costs incurred by the Asset Manager. The Asset Manager charges no
12 or a minimal demand fee for this service. By keeping this type of service seasonal
13 in nature, Atmos Energy is able to avoid substantial, year-round transportation costs
14 that would otherwise be incurred. However, if the delivered service fails to show
15 up, Atmos Energy could have to replace the supply with higher, fixed priced supply
16 that will reduce savings further or create incremental cost.

17 **Q. ARE THERE RISKS AND INCENTIVES TO ACHIEVE SAVINGS WITHIN**
18 **THE PBR MECHANISM THAT WOULD NOT EXIST OTHERWISE?**

19 A. Yes. While the methods that the Company employs to achieve savings can be
20 replicated from year to year, they are not automatic, nor are they riskless. As
21 discussed above, more recently, due to changes in the availability of natural gas,
22 the Company has been able to segment transportation contracts to avoid pipeline
23 demand charges. The Company's decision to segment capacity to generate savings

1 against benchmarked transportation costs under the PBR Mechanism exposes the
2 Company to greater risk at its segmented receipt point than it would otherwise be
3 willing to undertake. With the use of a segmented contract, the Company must rely
4 on non-traditional receipt points with less liquidity and potentially more price risk.
5 In addition, there exists risk to the Company absorbing increased gas costs in the
6 event only primary firm capacity is allowed to flow and its secondary firm
7 segmented capacity is cut. It is the PBR Mechanism that creates the incentive for
8 the Company to take on this risk.

9 Similarly, when evaluating potential pipeline transportation contracts, the
10 Gas Supply Planning Department must balance the potential tradeoff in enhanced
11 Asset Management value with the liquidity and pricing of gas supply at various
12 receipt points. In the absence of the PBR Mechanism, there would be no analysis
13 of a balancing of incentives versus risks to perform. The Gas Supply Planning
14 Department would select receipt points in accordance with the “least cost
15 acquisition” standard, based on cost and reliability, which, while less risky, could
16 be more costly for customers.

17 **Q. FOR KENTUCKY SPECIFICALLY, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL**
18 **HOW, WITH THE USE OF A SEGMENTED CONTRACT, THE COMPANY**
19 **MUST RELY ON NON-TRADITIONAL RECEIPT POINTS WITH LESS**
20 **LIQUIDITY AND POTENTIALLY MORE PRICE RISK.**

21 **A.** When Atmos Energy KY utilizes segmented capacity, the receipts on the Atmos
22 Energy KY segment may be at non-traditional points (*e.g.*, traditional receipts are
23 Gulf Coast, Louisiana, and Texas). Non-traditional receipt points (such as TGP

1 Portland pool or Texas Gas Zone 2 Dyersburg) may not be as liquid as traditional
2 receipt points, and thus the market-based prices at these points may be higher,
3 especially during times of increased demand. There is a trade-off between lower
4 transportation costs and potentially higher commodity supply prices. The
5 mechanics of the Kentucky PBR Mechanism place this supply price risk on Atmos
6 Energy, a risk that the Company would not otherwise incur (referring to the
7 Company's obligation within the PBR Mechanism to share in costs greater than
8 benchmark).

9 With the PBR Mechanism in place, the Company shares in any costs greater
10 than the benchmark and a separate gas cost review is not required. In the absence
11 of a PBR Mechanism, the Kentucky customers would bear the full price risk of
12 prudently incurred gas costs, including changes to transportation contracts by
13 eliminating the segmented capacity (with a shift to more traditional, more liquid
14 supply points) and entering into new year-round transportation agreements to
15 replace any delivered service supply that is currently in place.

16 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY EVER HAD TO SHARE IN ACTUAL GAS COSTS**
17 **THAT WERE GREATER THAN THE PBR BENCHMARK?**

18 A. Yes. In December 2000, Atmos Energy was required to make swing purchases due
19 to the extreme cold weather. Due to these swing purchases, the Company incurred
20 an average actual price for supplies purchased in December 2000 in excess of the
21 benchmark price.

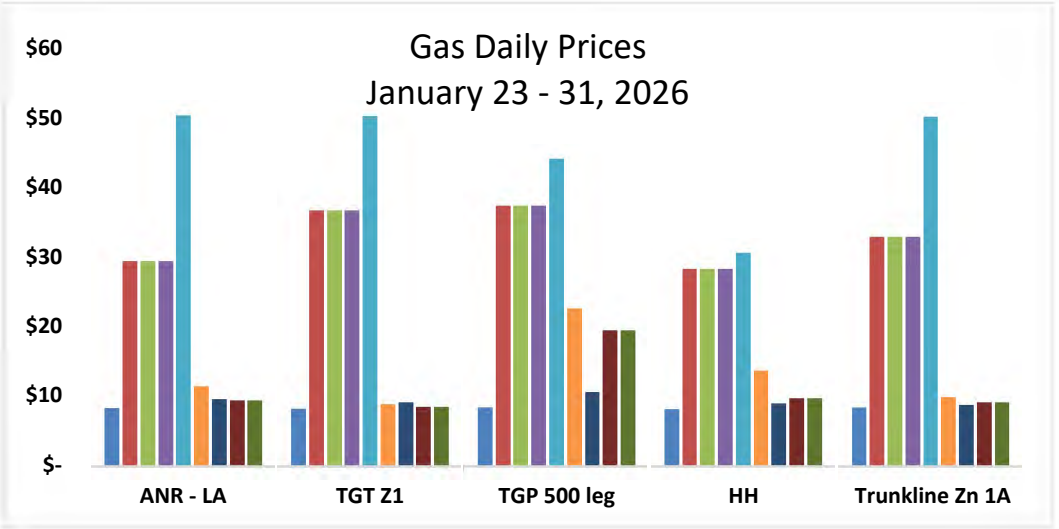
22 The downside of Atmos Energy's price risk under the PBR Mechanism was
23 then realized. Under high prices and constrained supply, due to cold weather and

1 heavy demand, the Company paid more for some gas supplies than the benchmark
2 price established under the PBR Mechanism. Ordinarily, Atmos Energy's
3 customers would have paid the full price of these purchases. Under the PBR
4 Mechanism, however, Atmos Energy's customers benefited because they actually
5 paid only half the difference between the PBR Mechanism benchmark and the
6 purchase price. Atmos Energy's shareholders absorbed the other half - over
7 \$1,000,000.

8 In January 2025, Atmos Energy purchased swing gas at a fixed price which
9 exceeded the benchmark. While the total monthly value did result in savings overall
10 for the Company's customers, the fixed priced gas purchased in January 2025
11 reduced the savings Atmos Energy would have received otherwise.

12 **Q. DOES PRICE VOLATILITY CONTINUE TO EXIST IN THE CURRENT**
13 **MARKETPLACE?**

14 **A.** Yes, price volatility will continue to persist for the foreseeable future. The chart and
15 table below show how quickly prices can change in the daily market. The period
16 shown is from January 23 through 31, 2026, during Winter Storm Fern.



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	ANR - LA	TGT Z1	TGP 500 leg	HH	Trunkline Zn 1A
1/23/2026	\$8.32	\$8.24	\$8.42	\$8.14	\$8.39
1/24/2026	\$29.42	\$36.74	\$37.39	\$28.28	\$33.00
1/25/2026	\$29.42	\$36.74	\$37.39	\$28.28	\$33.00
1/26/2026	\$29.42	\$36.74	\$37.39	\$28.28	\$33.00
1/27/2026	\$50.43	\$50.33	\$44.08	\$30.57	\$50.18
1/28/2026	\$11.50	\$8.90	\$22.63	\$13.72	\$9.88
1/29/2026	\$9.66	\$9.21	\$10.60	\$8.96	\$8.78
1/30/2026	\$9.41	\$8.48	\$19.49	\$9.72	\$9.20
1/31/2026	\$9.41	\$8.48	\$19.49	\$9.72	\$9.20

2

3 As you can see, on January 23, 2026, prices ranged from \$8.14 to \$8.42 across all
 4 benchmark indexes. The next day prices ranged from \$29.42 to \$37.39. The peak
 5 occurred on January 27, 2026, where prices ranged from \$30.57 to \$50.43, falling
 6 dramatically over the next several days. These dramatic price changes are due to
 7 pipelines being more fully subscribed due to significant new demand from markets
 8 like LNG and additional power generation for datacenters and lack of storage
 9 development over the last 10 years.

10 **Q. ARE THERE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PBR MECHANISM THAT**
 11 **YOU ARE PROPOSING AT THIS TIME?**

12 **A.** Yes. Currently, variances between Atmos Energy's actual costs and the benchmarks
 13 are shared between shareholders and customers on a sliding scale using two tiers.
 14 The first tier covers variances of Atmos Energy's actual gas costs from 0 to 9.4%
 15 and any incremental savings/costs are shared with 70% going to customers and 30%
 16 going to shareholders. For variances greater than 9.4%, incremental savings/costs
 17 are shared with 50% going to customers and 50% going to shareholders.

1 The Company is requesting to adjust the first tier of variances between
2 actual costs and the benchmarks from 9.4% to 6.5% and adjust the sharing mix of
3 savings/costs between customers/shareholders to 75% going to customers
4 (increased from 70%) and 25% going to shareholders (decreased from 30%). For
5 variances greater than the proposed 6.5%, the Company proposes incremental
6 savings/costs to be split 50/50 between customers and shareholders.

7 **Q. WHY IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING CHANGES TO THE TIERS AND**
8 **SHARING MIX BETWEEN CUSTOMERS AND SHAREHOLDERS AT**
9 **THIS TIME?**

10 **A.** As stated previously, Atmos Energy is seeing increased volatility in the
11 marketplace, as shown in the prices over the past four years, due to increasing
12 demand from LNG export facilities, data center growth, lack of national storage
13 capacity, and upstream pipeline capacity constraints.

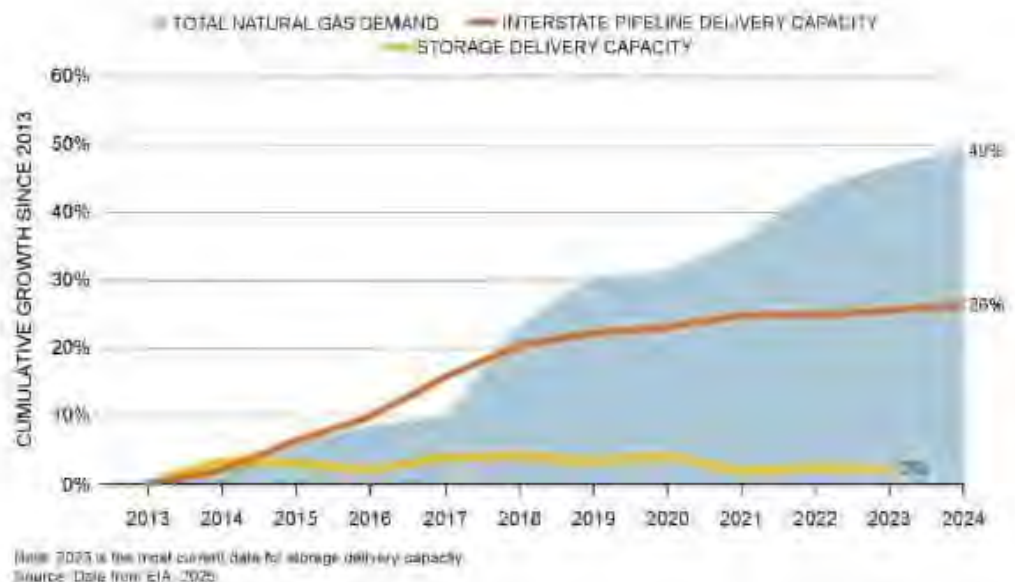
14 Following the natural gas shale production boom, the U.S. began exporting
15 LNG from the Lower-48 in 2016 out of the Cheniere Energy's Sabine Pass terminal.
16 Over the past 10 years, the U.S. expanded to become the largest LNG exporter in
17 the world at ~16 Bcf per day. By 2032, that capacity is expected to more than double
18 to over 37 Bcf per day. In short, what took 10 years to export 16 Bcf per day of
19 LNG will only take about 6 years to add the next 21 Bcf per day of export capacity.

20 New data centers increased demand for electricity across the country and
21 with it, increased demand from natural gas for use in upstream generation at power
22 plants, onsite generation, or as on-demand backup power. Atmos Energy has seen

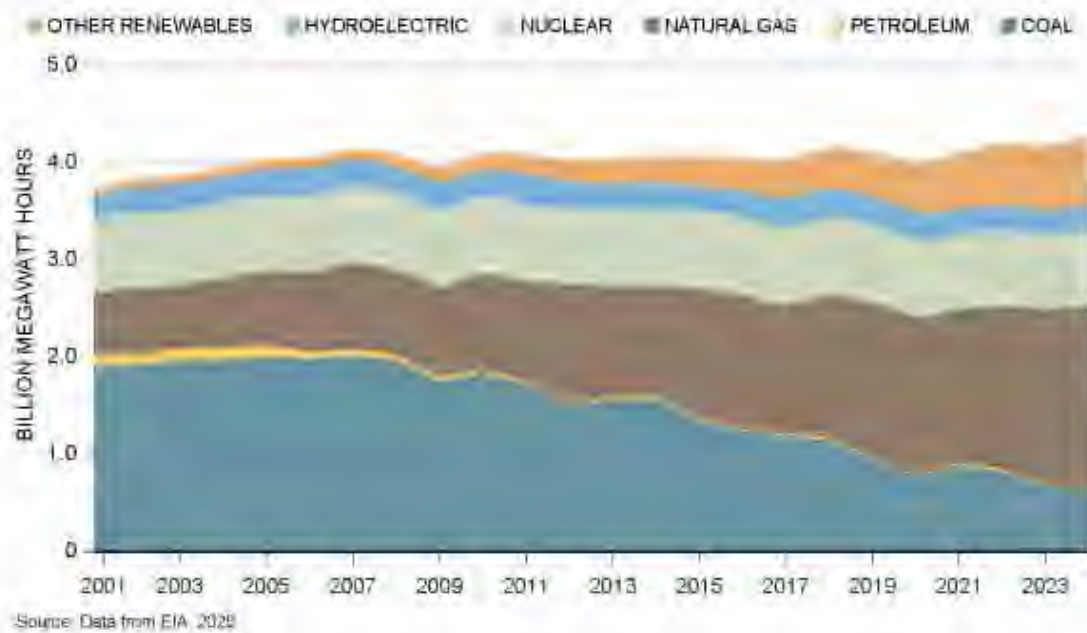
estimates of increased natural gas demand of 5 to 10 Bcf per day due to existing and announced infrastructure to support data center growth.

Dry natural gas production increased over the years, averaging ~66 Bcf per day in 2013 to ~107 Bcf for 2025, a 62% increase, and is expected to continue to grow to ~137 Bcf per day by 2030. However, natural gas storage has not increased commensurately with supply, demand, and interstate pipeline delivery capacity. Storage and daily swing purchases act as a balancing mechanisms to meet, at times, dramatic increases in demand. The U.S. is under-stored relative to market size, which puts increasing pressure on supply points and market price volatility. Approximately 351 Bcf of new storage capacity is being built, the most in two decades, but the majority of it will not come online until 2029-2031.

See the chart below, which compares values beginning in 2013, showing percentage growth of total natural gas demand, interstate pipeline delivery capacity and storage delivery capacity (source: Data from EIA as published in the 2025 National Petroleum Council report entitled “Bottleneck to Breakthrough”).



1 Since 2013, total demand increased by 49%, largely driven by rising
2 electricity demand as shown below. Interstate pipeline delivery capacity increased
3 by 26% and storage delivery capacity largely unchanged, increasing by just 2%.
4 Natural gas has grown to become the largest fuel source for electricity generation
5 over the past several years. See the chart below showing fuel from various sources
6 for electricity generation since 2001 (Source: Data from EIA published in the 2025
7 National Petroleum Council report entitled “Reliable Energy – Delivering on the
8 Promise of Gas-Electric Coordination”).



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10 With natural gas being the largest share of U.S. electricity generation, the U.S.
11 becoming the world's largest exporter of LNG, with much more demand in the
12 coming years, new demand to support data centers without a proportionate increase
13 to the infrastructure which supports it all, including upstream pipeline and storage
14 capacity, there is increased risk to Atmos Energy to achieve savings in the coming

1 years. This will require continued monitoring and evaluation of the natural gas
2 transportation and commodities markets.

3 Increased market demand, delayed pipeline expansion, and limited storage
4 growth have left pipelines largely fully subscribed. As a result, they offer little
5 operational flexibility, especially during peak periods or extreme weather events.
6 This has led to more Operational Flow Orders (OFOs), maintenance-related
7 restrictions, and capacity constraints, contributing to heightened price volatility as
8 noted earlier.

9 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THE PBR MECHANISM STRIKES THE RIGHT**
10 **BALANCE TO INCENTIVIZE THE COMPANY TO TAKE ON GREATER**
11 **PRICE RISK AND GENERATE GREATER SAVINGS?**

12 A. Yes. The PBR Mechanism's historical performance demonstrates that it effectively
13 incentivizes the Company to continuously seek savings and reduce costs. The
14 Company's contracting decisions under the "least cost acquisition" standard would
15 result in different outcomes for gas costs, transportation costs, and asset
16 management transactions.

17 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHETHER THE "LEAST COST ACQUISITION"**
18 **STANDARD IN PURCHASING NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES AND**
19 **PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES EXISTS ABSENT THE PBR**
20 **MECHANISM.**

21 A. The "least cost acquisition" of natural gas must also consider reliability of supply
22 (cost is not the only consideration). Further, the prudence of acquisition practices
23 must be considered at the time they occur and not *post facto*.

1 The “least cost acquisition” standard exists absent the PBR Mechanism. However,
2 the prudence of the Company's actions is reviewed differently with the PBR
3 Mechanism than it is without it. The goal of the PBR program is to provide rewards
4 and penalties that would encourage Atmos Energy to acquire low-cost supplies of
5 natural gas. As a response to these incentives, Atmos Energy secures transport and
6 supplies of natural gas that should fall below the benchmark; however, there are
7 risks of supply having to be resourced where costs end up being above the
8 benchmark which would not have occurred under typical sourcing methods. Costs
9 incurred above the benchmark (as a result of said sourcing decisions) would be
10 shared by the Company, essentially a built-in test of prudence. Without the PBR
11 Mechanism, the Company would hold different transportation capacity and its
12 purchasing options and prices would be different. For example, the Company
13 would shift to focus on more typical sourcing methods from what exists today.
14 Separate transportation contracts would most likely be entered into as opposed to
15 discounted segmented contracts, causing increases to transportation costs. As such,
16 without a PBR mechanism, a new gas cost prudence review would need to be
17 established so that, on a regular basis, the Commission would evaluate Atmos
18 Energy’s gas supply planning and purchasing actions and decisions in order to
19 determine prudence.

20 The application of the “least cost acquisition” standard of review will result
21 in different conclusions with and without the PBR Mechanism.

22 **Q. WHAT RISKS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IF THE PBR**
23 **MECHANISM NO LONGER EXISTED?**

A. The primary risk associated with eliminating the PBR mechanism is the transition from a framework with a demonstrated history of generating substantial customer savings to one that relies on prevailing market rates. Under such a framework, customers could incur higher costs for the same level of service. For instance, current segmented transportation agreements, which are priced at roughly 50% of maximum tariff rates, will need to be replaced with firm transportation agreements at maximum tariff rates. In addition, commodity procurement would likely shift toward more traditional market indexes. While these indexes may provide increased liquidity, they could also result in higher commodity costs. Finally, adjustments to the supply portfolio could diminish the benefits currently derived from asset management agreements.

IV. CONCLUSION

13 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

14 A. Yes.

Exhibit 3

The Annual Report is being filed under seal pursuant to a motion for confidential treatment.

Exhibit 4

The Evaluation Report is being filed under seal pursuant to a motion for confidential treatment.

Exhibit 5

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affidavit; and that the publications included on the attached list published the Legal Notice for

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Notary Public Bonnie J. Howard

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In a divided America, the left and right unite to oppose data centers

By **WILL WEISSERT**
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Associated Press

MURDOCK, Neb. — In rural eastern Nebraska, a technology revolution could rise from fields of corn and soybean in the form of new data centers to power the artificial intelligence boom.

But just like around many parts of the country, opposition has been building in ways that defy typical partisan boundaries.

Conservative farmers and the state Sierra Club chapter recently found common cause against labor leaders as they filled the firehouse in Murdock — population around 275 — to share concerns about data center development moving too quickly.

The scene exemplified an unlikely coalition that worries about dwindling farmland, declining water supplies and rising electricity bills — not to mention how massive corporations could reshape small town America into nodes in a national network of computing warehouses.

The debate around data center projects is one of the rare modern issues to cut across party lines, demographics and geography — from Republican-dominated Nebraska, Texas and Wyoming to swing-state

Pennsylvania to Democratic-leaning New Mexico.

Supporters of data centers, including Republican President Donald Trump and some union leaders who usually back Democrats, praise a potential jobs and economic bonanza, while helping the U.S. thwart China in the geopolitical race for technological supremacy.

But hostility toward

developments coming at breakneck speed has surged ahead of November's midterm elections, and forced national, state and local elected officials to adapt to a shifting political landscape.

Judy Stroy, a fifth-generation Nebraska farmer whose late husband grew corn and soybeans and whose son still does, worried that with “the amount of ground that’s getting gobbled up every year, our food source is in trouble.”

“That should scare everyone,” she said.

SOME AREAS HAVE PAUSED DATA CENTER EXPANSION

Stroy’s fields are just outside Murdock, a village named for a railroad official at the company that first laid tracks here in the 1890s. There’s a school, a post office, a bar and a Corn Grower’s State Bank branch, plus the Midwest Farmer’s Coop where growers sell their produce and buy supplies like feed and fertilizer.

Murdock is in Cass County, where officials recently approved a 12-month moratorium on allowing data center development.

That might freeze energy company Tenaska’s plans to potentially option 1,300-plus acres of land along Highway 75, south of the nearby villages of Murray and Beaver Lake, in a project that activists fear would pave the way for a data center and its own natural gas power plant.

Tenaska spokesperson Leighton Elise Eusebio said the company has been exploring “the feasibility of developing power generation to serve large loads, whether that is a data center or other form of economic development.”

“We believe there are opportunities to work with public power, communi-



SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN / AP

Protesters gather outside a state office to voice opposition to the Project Jupiter data center during a demonstration in Santa Fe, N.M., Aug. 21.

ties and other stakeholders to develop power generation that will benefit Nebraskans,” Eusebio said in a statement.

Meanwhile, data center operator CyrusOne has nearly 400 acres under its control outside another Cass County community, Plattsmouth, also along Highway 75, but no development has occurred nor has a project been announced, according to a CyrusOne spokesperson.

The area may be seen as particularly favorable because the highway has been widened, offering easy access to Omaha to the northeast, and to the college town of Lincoln to the southwest. The Missouri River provides a reasonably close, major water source.

Some landowners accepted large checks to sell. Local land typically can go for \$10,000 an acre, residents say, and developers sometimes offer four times that, or even more.

Such paydays can be extra enticing as farming has gotten more expensive amid rising diesel prices and soybean exports that have declined in the midst of Trump’s tariff fight with a major market for the crop, China.

“What if somebody offered me \$40,000 an acre for my ground? It would be hard to turn down,” Stroy conceded.

Nebraska Sierra Club attorney Ken Winston noted that tech giants have made donations to municipal programs in Lincoln to help mitigate the impact of data centers.

“We need to be aware of the fact that they’re going to happen somewhere,” Winston said. “But communities need to be able to protect themselves and if they don’t want them, they should be able to say no.”

MAJOR PROJECT SPARKS NEW MEXICO DIVISIONS

There is no development moratorium in New Mexico that could stop Project Jupiter, a \$165 billion data center complex planned near the Mexican border, but concerns over dwindling water supplies are mounting.

“It is not about blue vs. red, or whether we’re a purple state or county,” said Samantha Barncastle Salopek, a longtime water attorney, who is running as a Republican for a seat on the Doña Ana County Commission partly because of the project.

“This is about the local

community coming together and saying, ‘Hold on, hold on.’ We didn’t get enough information, and now we’re very concerned because also we have to cut back our water use anyway,” she said.

Barncastle Salopek, whose family grows pecans, said she frequently fields worried calls from farmers, ranchers and local business owners across the political spectrum and in other states.

“When we have to fight over the last piece of the pie, those big companies are going to win,” she said of pressure on remaining water supplies. That’s because New Mexico has been hammered by persistent drought, and large swaths of the Rio Grande have dried up in the central part of the state.

The largest reservoir stands at 1.3% capacity, lows unseen since the early 1970s, even though New Mexico is on the hook to deliver more water to Texas under a recent settlement approved by the U.S. Supreme Court. Activists worry that New Mexico’s pecan, chile and other farms could disappear, taking schools, hospitals and supporting businesses and incomes

with them.

Oracle, which announced Project Jupiter, has offered funding for youth programs and pledged to invest \$50 million in water and wastewater systems in Doña Ana County.

It also plans to partner with an agriculture technology company to install sensors providing real-time data to farmers to help them use water more efficiently — estimating an eventual savings of 21 million gallons annually.

An Oracle spokesperson called the project a generational New Mexico investment, saying it would generate \$4.7 billion in taxes and create more than 7,000 construction jobs and 1,500 long-term jobs while being designed to use little water over 15 years, given its closed-loop cooling and fuel-cell systems.

Still, the Center for Biological Diversity last week filed an emergency petition with the New Mexico Supreme Court, challenging the state’s approval of well drilling to supply millions of gallons of water for Project Jupiter’s construction.

During a recent protest in the state capital of Santa Fe, the demonstrators included Jesus Rodriguez, who traveled four-plus hours from his micro-farm in southern New Mexico.

“The fact is that now the money has taken over,” said Rodriguez, who described himself as disillusioned with American politics. “Now it shows that the Democrats, Republicans, or whatever other party is involved, they don’t care about the land. They care about money. And that’s because they want power.”

TRUMP CHAMPIONS DATA CENTERS, BUT SOME REPUBLICANS ARE WARY

The president has warned about China’s technology gains and Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson said that a federal pause on data center construction might be a “dangerous prospect.”

Still, most registered voters oppose building a data center in their area, according to a July Fox News poll, including 60% of Republicans and 53% of MAGA voters.

Democratic New York Gov. Kathy Hochul ordered a one-year ban on large data centers. Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, a fellow Democrat, said his administration would no longer prioritize data center projects when it comes to issuing construction permits or granting developers lucrative tax exemptions if they don’t meet certain standards.

The Republican Party’s Senate campaign arm is worried enough about the issue potentially deciding races in Ohio, that it drafted a memo outlining how to respond.

Trump is undeterred, saying that what data centers mean “for a community is jobs and lots of money and lower taxes.”

BUILDING PERMITS

BOWLING GREEN
Calvary Baptist Church,
480 Beauty Ct., commercial addition (storage shed). \$4,215.
Cardinal
Construction Services
LLC, 1728 Greenview Ln., interior alterations to

single family residence. \$85,800.

Andy Hoehler, 5841 Southwest Pkwy., new commercial building (FiveStar). \$2,144,600.

Amy & Matt McDaniels, 708 Briarwood Ct., new pool house. \$100,000.

Jagoe Homes, Inc., 616 Figo Ct., new single family residence. \$179,136.

Finishes By Design, 1350 Sheffield Ct., alterations to pool house. \$56,514.

Ironwood Fence LLC, 1311 College St., no

project. \$3,000.

Aqualand Pool and Spa, 1410 Mt. Ayr Circle, new swimming pool. \$85,000.

Sunlight Designs, Inc., 100 Augusta Ave. Apt. 12B, enclose patio. \$44,227.

Matthew King

(Southern Kentucky Maintenance), 2054 Morgantown Rd., Ezy Trip Amoco. \$183,085.46.

Henson Contracting, 5416 Peony Rd., New single family residence. \$200,000.

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Rate Class	RATES			
	Present	Proposed	Dollars Increase	Percent Increase
G-1 PBR Charge	\$0.2349/Mcf	\$0.2349/Mcf	\$0	0%
G-2 PBR Charge	\$0.2349/Mcf	\$0.2349/Mcf	\$0	0%
Total Impact to Revenue			\$0	0%

Atmos Energy intends to propose an extension of five years to its PBR mechanism revising Sheet No. 18 of its Commission-approved tariff until May 31, 2032. Atmos Energy is also proposing updates to the tier ratios. Atmos Energy believes the PBR has been a benefit to its customers and its shareholders. The PBR mechanism is explained in detail in Sheets Nos. 18-29 of its tariff and Atmos Energy is not requesting that it be revised other than the tier ratios.

Additional information, links, and a copy of Atmos Energy’s tariff revisions can be found at Atmos Energy’s principal office (3275 Highland Pointe Drive, Owensboro, KY 42303) and on its website (<https://www.atmosenergy.com/utility-operations/rates/tariffs-kentucky/>). A person may examine this tariff filing at the Commission’s office at 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing. The Commission’s phone number is (502) 564-3940 and its website is <http://psc.ky.gov>. The revisions contained in this notice are the revisions proposed by Atmos Energy but the Commission may order revisions that differ from the proposed revisions contained in this notice. Atmos Energy is not proposing any changes to any rate schedules and the average customer bill will not change.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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• Sarah Catherine Melton Rexroat and Kelly Rexroat, married, Love Valley Road, Campbellsville, and Jacob William Melton and Ali Melton, married, Lakeview Drive, Campbellsville, to Hubbard Hill Properties LLC, Soule Chapel Road, Campbellsville: Tract 1, one acre, beginning on east side of Old Robinson Creek and Liberty Church Road, corner of Hubbard Cemetery, a division corner in land of Reid; Tract 2, eight acres beginning on northeast side of a right-of-way corner of Herman Hubbard one-acre tract, a division corner in the land of the Reid property at corner of Hubbard Cemetery and Herman Hubbard property, valuable consideration. Fair market value \$151,000.

• Jimmy Dale Smith and Sandra A. Smith, married, Big Brush Creek Road, Campbellsville, to Rafferty Development LLC, Shaker Mill Road, Bowling Green: Tract A, beginning on northeastern edge of right-of-way of Hodgenville Road (Kentucky 210), approximately 675 feet northwest of the intersection of Mount Carmel Road and Kentucky 210, at a new corner

common to Jimmy Dale Smith and Sandra Smith, thence leaving the northeastern edge right-of-way of Kentucky 210, at a corner common to Preston Poling and Brandi Poling, containing 1.962 acres. Tract B, beginning on northeastern edge of right-of-way of Hodgenville Road (Kentucky 210), approximately 870 feet northwest of the intersection of Mount Carmel Road and Kentucky 210, at a corner common to Preston Poling and Brandi Poling, at a corner common to Jimmy Dale Smith and Sandra Smith containing 0.083 acres. \$195,000.

• Wesley Robert Lanham and Sherry Lynn Lanham, married, Park Office Road, Campbellsville, to Mariah Holmes, unmarried, Stewarts Lane, Campbellsville: Tract 11B of Stewart's View Subdivision. \$300,000

• Robert T. Brown and Karen S. Brown, married, Social Band Road, Campbellsville, to David R. Hughes and Shannon L. Hughes, married, Old Lebanon Road, Campbellsville: Tract 1 (0.95 acres) and Tract 2 (1.5 acres)

of Robert Thomas Brown Land Division 2A. \$5,000

• Melissa Mings, single, Steeplechase Drive, Campbellsville, to Drew Hayes and Sarah Hayes, married, Pleasant Hill Church Road, Campbellsville: Parcel 1, beginning on side of Pleasant Hill Church Road, corner of Thomas L. Wilcher property on east side of Pleasant Hill Church Road, being a new division corner in Marion Payne property, in line of Thomas Hudson property, containing 5.58 acres; Parcel 2, beginning on east side of Pleasant Hill Church Road, corner of the Margaret Wood Smith property, in line with Smith property, corner of Thomas Hudson property, new division corner in Marion Payne property, containing 5.35 acres. \$87,520.

• William Chadwick Deener and Daryl Lee Deener, married, Brooke Way, Campbellsville, to Brandon Dillard and Kelly Dillard, married, North Jackson Street, Campbellsville: Lots 17, 18 and 19 in Block F of the

Birdwood Subdivision. \$99,000.

• Zachary William Thompson and Sarah Beth Thompson, married, Phillips Lane, Campbellsville, and Faith Taylor, single, Hwy 900, Glensfork, to Zachary William Thompson and Sarah Beth Thompson, married, Phillips Lane, Campbellsville, and Janice Taylor, married, Phillips Lane, Campbellsville: That for no monetary consideration, but for the purpose of establishing title as joint tenants with the right of survivorship: Lot 26 of Cox Subdivision. Fair cash value \$115,000.

• Suk Phipps and Arthur Phipps Jr., married, by Unyong Kathy Shin, attorney-in-fact, Martin Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky to Anna Doris Noland-Ray, unmarried, Rustic Haven Drive, Campbellsville: Lot 8 of Rustic Haven Estates. \$212,000.

• Estes Elite Property Investments LLC, 2nd Street, Suite 100, Richmond, by and through 5250 Legacy Holdings LLC, member, by

Lindsay Estes to Chasity D. Taylor, married, Sharon Drive, Campbellsville: Being a part of Lots 7 and 8 of Northside subdivision, \$162,500 (\$125,000 cash in hand and \$37,500 as a gift).

• Ronald A. White and Connie S. White, married, Pearl Avenue, Campbellsville, to Chad White, Reids Chapel Road, Campbellsville: That for and in consideration of valuable consideration previously paid: Beginning on west side of Reids Chapel Road, being a corner of the Willie J. Vittitow property, with the west right of way of said Reids Chapel Road, corner of the Steven Beams property, consisting of 3.949 acres as described in the Plat survey 831 Reids Chapel road for Keith Bryant. Fair cash value \$285,000.

• James R. Aldrich and Sylvia R. Aldrich, married, Lemon Bend Road, Campbellsville, to Steven R. Carlisle and Angela R. Carlisle, married, Beacon Hill, Lexington: Lots 18, 19, 20 and 21 of Green River Farm

Estates. \$60,000

• Popes Creek Contracting LLC, Popes Creek Road, Lebanon, to Michael Stinnett, a/k/a Mickey Stinnett, single, and Cynthia R. Smith, single, Hodgenville Road, Elizabethtown: Tract 15 in Riverwood Estates, Revision 1.

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If you have questions about school taxes, please contact me directly:

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Olympic champion Liu takes season off after Milan gold

BY DAVE SKRETTA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic figure skating champion Alysa Liu is taking the season off following her triumph in Milan.

This time, she is certain she will be back.

The 21-year-old from the San Francisco Bay area made history in February when she became the first American woman since Sarah Hughes in 2002 to stand atop the podium at the Winter Games. Liu also became the first women's skater to win two golds in the same Olympics when she was part of the U.S. squad that successfully defended its team gold medal.

It was a remarkable comeback for Liu, a one-time teen phenom who abruptly walked away from figure skating after the 2022 Beijing Olympics. Liu had become burned out by the grind of the sport and had no designs on ever returning to the ice.

Yet she returned in 2024 with a fresh, almost effervescent outlook on the sport, and it carried her all the way to the Olympic title.

"While people are announcing programs, imma take this time to announce that I will not be competing this season," Liu wrote in an Instagram late Tuesday. "I always want to challenge myself in new ways, so my artistry & skating can



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Gold medalist Alysa Liu of the United States displays her medal after competing in the women's free skate program in figure skating at the 2026 Winter Olympics, in Milan, Italy on Thursday, Feb. 19.

evolve. It's important to me that my sport reflects my personal growth. I'm gonna take the time to recalibrate, fine-tune things & whatnot.

"So fear not, I'll be back, & in the meantime I'll be rooting for my teammates near & far."

It's not uncommon for figure skaters to take a season off following the Olympics. French skater Lorine Schild,

for example, announced last week that she was taking a break "after an emotionally charged season and a few months off the ice."

The figure skating season has already begun with some lower-tier events, but for marquee skaters such as Liu, the real competition begins with the first of the Grand Prix stops in late October in

Angers, France. There are five other Grand Prix events before the Grand Prix Final, and the U.S. championships and the world championships take place early in the new year.

Liu is a two-time national champion but finished second to Amber Glenn the past two years. In 2025, she became the first U.S. woman to win a world title since Kimmie Meissner in

2006, though she skipped her defense earlier this year after her Olympic victory.

"Taking time so you can live life to the fullest and do things your way ... Love you girl," Glenn wrote in reply to Liu's announcement.

Liu was scheduled to begin her season alongside Glenn at Skate America on Nov. 13 in Everett, Washington, and also compete with fellow Olympic teammate Isabeau Levito at the Finlandia Trophy the following week.

Sarah Everhardt will be the first American woman to compete in a Grand Prix event this season when she takes the ice at the Grand Prix de France. Levito is due to compete at Skate Canada the following week, while rising stars Alina Bonillo and Sophie Joline von Felten will make their highly anticipated Grand Prix debuts at the Cup of China the first weekend of November.

On the men's side, 21-year-old superstar Ilia Malinin is scheduled to compete alongside Jason Brown at Skate America and the NHK Trophy in Japan. He was heavily favored to win gold at the Milan Olympics — and did help the U.S. triumph in the team event — but endured a disastrous free skate that left him out of the medals entirely.

Malinin rebounded in March by winning his third consecutive world championship.

2026 college football teams with toughest schedules

BY JOHN MARSHALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indiana spent the past two seasons listening to how it played weak schedules as it went a combined 27-2 and won the program's first national championship with an undefeated 2025 season.

No. 6 Indiana has a much tougher road this season if it's going to repeat as champions, with games against top-ranked Ohio State, No. 14 USC, No. 16 Michigan and No. 17 Washington.

The schedule is tougher, but it's still not one of the most difficult in the Bowl Subdivision, which has can't-miss games all over the place. A look at the schools that have the toughest schedules in the 2026 season and one school that could have an easy-ish run to the national title game:

NO. 5 TEXAS

The Longhorns have a gantlet of a schedule, starting with a nonconference game against the No. 1 Buckeyes at home Sept. 12. Texas opens Southeastern Conference play at No. 20 Tennessee on Sept. 26, faces No. 10 Oklahoma in the Red River Showdown and hosts No. 9 Ole Miss on Oct. 24. The Longhorns also play at No. 25 Missouri on Nov. 7 and at No. 11 LSU a week later, closing the



John Raoux/AP Photo

Texas quarterback Arch Manning (16) looks for a receiver during the first half of the Citrus Bowl NCAA college football game against Michigan on Dec. 31, 2025, in Orlando, Fla.

regular season season at No. 8 Texas A&M. Get through that in decent shape and Texas could be back in the College Football Playoff for the second time in three years. It is No. 3 on ESPN's list of the nation's toughest schedules, though Pro Football Network and others rank it No. 1.

NO. 16 MICHIGAN

The Wolverines host No. 10 Oklahoma in Week 2 and open Big Ten play at home against No. 22 Iowa on Sept. 26. They

also host No. 18 Penn State three weeks later. The Wolverines then get reigning national champion and No. 6 Indiana on Oct. 24, then face rival Michigan State. Michigan closes with two brutal road games the final three weeks of the season: at No. 2 Oregon and another rivalry game at No. 1 Ohio State on Nov. 28.

ARKANSAS

The Razorbacks weren't ranked in the preseason AP Top 25, but

could slide into the rankings if they post some wins in a brutal schedule that includes an early visit to No. 21 Utah and the SEC opener against No. 3 Georgia. The Razorbacks have road games against No. 8 Texas A&M (Oct. 3) and No. 5 Texas (Nov. 21), with home games against No. 20 Tennessee (Oct. 10), No. 25 Missouri (Oct. 25) and No. 11 LSU to close out the regular season on Nov. 28. That's some kind of schedule for

coach Ryan Silverfield's first season. It is No. 1 on ESPN's list of the toughest this season.

NO. 14 USC

The Trojans have a weak nonconference schedule, but make up for it in a loaded Big Ten with three straight games against ranked opponents: No. 2 Oregon, No. 14 Washington and a visit to No. 18 Penn State on Oct. 10. Following a potentially difficult road game at Wisconsin, the Trojans host top-ranked Ohio State and play at No. 6 Indiana in consecutive weeks. They close the season against rival UCLA on Nov. 28.

NO. 1 OHIO STATE

The Buckeyes opened the season as the preseason No. 1 and will have to play well to retain the top spot. We mentioned the Week 2 showdown against No. 5 Texas on Sept. 12, but there is a potentially tricky visit from Illinois before a game at No. 22 Iowa on Oct. 3, two weeks before a trip to No. 6 Indiana. That kicks off a run of three straight games

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OBITUARY

David Gorman, age 69, husband of 35 years to Kimberly Gorman, of Georgetown, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026, in Scott County.

He was born in Norwood,

Ohio to the late William Gorman and Carol Perkins Gorman on July 12, 1957. Mr. Gorman was a U. S. Air Force Veteran with 20 years of service where he was a Technical Sergeant

and retired from American Airlines with 20 years of service as a Load Master. In his spare-time he enjoyed working on vintage cars, watching Star Trek movies, taking road trips, flying and

most of all, spending time with his family.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his children, Michelle (Butch), Nicole (Allen) and Brandon; grandchildren, Osiana,

Elana, Joey and Makayla; multiple great-grandchildren; and brothers, Billy, Kenny, Steve and Mike.

Cremation was chosen and a committal service at Kentucky Veterans Ceme-

tery North in Williamstown, Ky. will follow at a later date.

Noon & Son Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with final arrangements.

SEE OBITUARIES/PAGE A7



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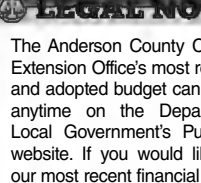


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The following items will be addressed:

Docket #26-007 (Zone Change A-1 to R-2A):
 Applicant Edwards Development & Management is requesting a zone change from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2A (Two-Family Residential) for the proposed development of two hundred (200) lots, on the property located on the south side of Fox Creek Road, approximately 0.2 miles from the intersection of Westwood Drive and Fox Creek Road, Lawrenceburg, KY and containing approximately 49.32 acres.

Docket #26-009 (Text Amendment to A-1 Ordinance):
 A text amendment to ordinance 651.4, Development Standards (A-1), Allow for accessory structures to be placed in front of the principle structure with the existing setbacks, in Lawrenceburg, KY 40342.

Docket #26-010 (Text Amendment Ordinance):
 A text amendment the Zoning Ordinance to include standards for siting Manufactured Homes in all zones. This amendment brings ordinance into compliance with HB 160, a bill passed by the Kentucky Legislature.

Development Plan – Gilberts Creek Rd: Owner, Tanner Gas is requesting approval of a gravel lot for the storage of shipping containers in an I-2 (Heavy Industrial) zone, approx. 5 acres, lot #22, 23, 26 & 27.

Maps and conceptual plans are available for viewing by appointment at the Zoning Administration.

Should you have any questions about this notice, please contact Rachelle Lile, Planning and Zoning Office Administrator, at 502-839-1505.

/s/ Betty J. Webb, Chair



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FROM PAGE B1

Madisonville pounced on the opportunity, seizing control of the match and never looking back, in a commanding 3-0 straight-sets victory (25-21, 25-22, 25-18).

The decision marked the first win of the 2026 campaign for Madisonville, and head coach Amanda Cole couldn't hide her pride in how quickly her squad responded.

"Oh, that's a huge win," Cole said with a smile after the match. "Our first district game of the season, that's a big one for us. The first few games, they were just getting some of the kinks worked out — the cement, like I said the other day, with the mental toughness.

They're a young group of girls, but they're coming together, learning, developing, and it's fun to see what they're going to do."

That early point reversal in the opening frame served as the exact spark the Lady Maroons needed to break through.

"I think just getting that back gave us all the momentum that we needed to just push through," Cole noted. "Everything just started to click. We had good passing, good sets, good hits, good serving, and minimal errors. They minimized the errors and came together as a team, playing six-as-one."

Without a full practice between games to adjust, the turnaround was entirely driven by the players' mindset and determination.

"Honestly, we weren't

able to practice yesterday because we played a game," Cole explained. "I really think they just shifted that mental block last night, got through it, and were excited to play that district game against Caldwell. I think that hyped them up. Of course they want it—the heart is there—and they all have to buy into it, and they are."

Several key contributors fueled the dominant performance at the net and from the baseline. Senior leader Katie Beth Sutton set the tone with a big night across the board.

"Katie Beth played real well tonight," Cole praised. "She had a lot of aces and kills — she played real big

tonight. Jaela Bottoms, Sadie Kirk, Carlee Sandidge — a lot of our big-time players that have been playing a couple of years are doing really well here in the early part of the season."

Cole also voiced strong confidence in the depth of her roster moving forward. "We've got some up-and-coming girls," she said. "When they're playing well, it's hard to put in a new mix, but a lot of the girls on the bench play JV and are waiting for their opportunity to come in, and they will get their opportunity to step in at some point. Everyone's been doing really well."

The win gives Madisonville momentum



Jimmy DeRogatis | The Messenger

Lady Maroons teammates Sadie Kirk (#17) and Jaela Bottoms high five after taking down Caldwell County at home Tuesday night at MNHHS.

heading into an extremely demanding stretch of the schedule. The Lady Maroons will be diving into weekend tournament action at the Apollo Summerslam at Apollo High School in Owensboro on

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"We've got a very tough week ahead," Cole said. "Hopefully they'll keep this momentum moving forward."

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Ky road projects down by more than 50% this summer

BY LIAM NIEMEYER
KENTUCKY LANTERN

State road projects across Kentucky have dropped dramatically this summer, usually one of the busiest times for road crews.

The Kentucky Lantern analyzed monthly documents called Eligible Bidders Lists from this summer and the previous two summers published by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that show the various road projects the cabinet is seeking bids for from asphalt paving and construction companies. Much of the cabinet's summer work is asphalt resurfacing, where road paving companies put a fresh layer of asphalt on a road.

The Lantern found that the cabinet has listed dramatically fewer road projects in total this summer — roughly one-third of the projects it advertised during the summer of 2025.

Over June and July of 2025, the cabinet listed 161 road projects that companies were bidding on. Over June and July of this year, the cabinet listed 16 projects.

In an emailed statement provided at the close of business Friday, Transportation Cabinet spokesperson Naitore Djigbenou said the cabinet "forecasts project cash balances and prioritizes paying for ongoing

projects or operational obligations first before awarding new contracts."

"Our summer project advertisements primarily featured projects already in the pipeline or with dedicated federal or general funds that we could advance," Djigbenou said. "Additional resurfacing project advertisements were possible in August based on recent cash model projections and we expect to advertise and award more contracts in the coming months."

The pulling back of road work this summer has happened as the GOP-controlled state legislature has sharpened criticism over a shortfall in the state's road fund created in part by a temporary gas tax holiday enacted in May by Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear. The overall amount of gas tax revenue collected by the state has also fallen even before Beshear enacted a gas tax break this year.

Djigbenou said the governor's executive order enacting a gas tax holiday did not affect the cabinet's ability to move forward with road projects and that "primary factors informing when to award projects have been budgetary constraints from the budget enacted by the General Assembly."

The executive director of a group representing

the road paving and construction industry told the Lantern his industry is feeling the strain from a lack of road work.

The lack of work "is significantly impacting contractors and their ability to keep employees working in Kentucky," said Chad LaRue, the executive director of the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors.

"KAHC is working to learn more about why project lettings have been reduced so significantly, but we do believe that the state's highway construction needs are overtaking the funding that is available, especially given inflationary pressures," LaRue said. "We look forward to working with KYTC and our state policymakers to learn more and explore solutions that will allow for continued economic growth, safe roads and bridges for our citizens, and a means for contractors to continue employing thousands of Kentuckians and contributing to their communities."

Andrew McNeill, the executive director of the free market-focused think tank Kentucky Forum for Rights, Economics and Education, who's been critical of the cabinet awarding single-bid road work projects, told the Lantern he believed the cabinet trying to make up for a

shortfall in the state's road fund by delaying road projects is a "drastic measure."

"They are using a hatchet to solve a problem that, with proper management, could likely be handled with a scalpel," McNeill said. "I absolutely think that both the cabinet and the governor owe a more detailed explanation to the taxpayers of this state."

McNeill, who served as a deputy state budget director under former Gov. Matt Bevin, said there are thousands of miles of roads across the state that, at best, are "being delayed in their repairs, in the repaving, in the installation of safety measures."

Shaun McKiernan, the executive director of the Office of Budget and Fiscal Management in the Transportation Cabinet told lawmakers in an Aug. 4 legislative meeting that revenue from motor fuels taxes — the tax on the wholesale price of gasoline levied on gasoline dealers and distributors — was down \$45 million at the end of the state's 2026 fiscal year. That represented a 5.5% decrease in those revenues and the largest drop by dollar amount of any road fund revenue source.

McKiernan attributed about \$20 million of that shortfall to the 10-cent gas tax holiday enacted

by Beshear.

The state brought in \$790.7 million in gas tax revenues over fiscal year 2026, contributing to a 2.2% decrease in overall revenues going into the state's road fund that sits at approximately \$1.8 billion.

In a separate meeting with lawmakers, State Budget Director John Hicks said the road fund's overall shortfall was largely made up by dropping revenue sharing of the gas tax with local counties and cities. Gas tax revenues also saw a more than 7% decrease between fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

In that Aug. 4 legislative meeting, Rep. John Blanton, R-Saylorsville, the co-chair of the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation, referenced how the cabinet had issued bidding on only eight projects in July.

Blanton pointed to Kentuckians driving "more fuel-efficient vehicles," and therefore buying less fuel, as a reason for the loss of gas tax revenues. He also said road fund revenues had "flatlined" while road construction costs have increased significantly.

He said the cabinet has fallen behind on projects including road repaving work and the maintenance of secondary and rural roads "because we don't have the revenues to do

them."

Blanton said the gas tax as currently formulated "is not working for our system."

"If we don't address this very quickly, it's going to cost more and more the longer we delay this because they're going to get worse and worse," Blanton said. "We have to find a way to create other revenues that's going to help with our road fund."

In an emailed statement provided Saturday through a spokesperson, Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, the other co-chair of the committee, said the Transportation Cabinet has "cited the need to manage available cash, meet obligations such as debt service and revenue sharing and pace projects according to when they can responsibly be funded and delivered."

He said the legislature has used the state's Budget Reserve Trust Fund, also known as the state's "rainy day" fund, to boost transportation funding given that "traditional road fund revenues have not kept pace with the state's transportation needs."

"Our goal is to be honest with taxpayers, prioritize projects that are ready to advance and make sure the commitments in Kentucky's road plan are deliverable," Higdon said.

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Owensboro's Lilli Ruth (11) sends a shot towards the goal against Owensboro Catholic's Allie Marston (17) during the girls' soccer game Tuesday on Independence Field at Owensboro Catholic High School.



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Owensboro's Trinity Johnson (8) moves the ball upfield against Owensboro Catholic's Chloe Marston (23) during the girls' soccer game Tuesday on Independence Field at Owensboro Catholic High School.



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Owensboro's Ella Hall kicks against Owensboro Catholic's Jenna Brey during the girls' soccer game Tuesday on Independence Field at Owensboro Catholic High School.

CATHOLIC

FROM PAGE B1

71st minute after Trinity Johnson won possession and fired a pass across the field at Catholic High.

“Our back line held their own, it was awesome to see,” Patton said. “We have ample subs on the bench that can come in and keep the intensity high.”

Keeper Felicity Payne made multiple saves for Catholic. Chloe Marston, Bailey Quinn and Ellie O’Herron were starters on the back line.

“We knew they had Lily Neiman, Amelia Calhoun, and Trinity, some very fast players with some great speed out in the wings and in the midfield,” Patton said. “Our mindset was to hold them up in the midfield rather than win it right away to slow them down and get everybody else back.”

Catholic went to 3-0

with three district wins so far.

Owensboro dropped to 4-2 and is 2-1 in the district.

“I thought we were the better team in both halves,” OHS coach Sarah Poole said. “We held better possession, I think all 11 plus the ones that went in played very well. They still scored more goals. They scored off a corner, our goalie was blind on that, they did a good play back to Chloe Marston, who had an open shot. The second shot was beautiful that they had.

“We just couldn’t get shots off tonight. That’s what we talked about at halftime, we were waiting or passing, something to work on there.

“As soon as we scored you felt a change of pace. You never know what’s going to happen in these district games. The girls were confident going in. We played different today in the first 60 minutes than we have in the first four games.”

Kubiak: Raiders will decide when to start Mendoza based on his play

BY MARK ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HENDERSON, Nev. — The Raiders’ offensive line is far from proven, no wide receiver has emerged as a true No. 1 and a rookie could be the starting running back entering the season.

Probably not the ideal situation to start a first-year quarterback, but players drafted first overall — as Fernando Mendoza was — usually join a team with a lot more questions than answers.

And there are plenty with Las Vegas.

Could that be a factor for when Raiders coaches decide to start Mendoza? He likely will be the backup to Kirk Cousins when the season opens Sept. 13 against Miami.

“They’ve all got to get ready,” coach Klint Kubiak said. “Whoever is playing quarterback for us, it’s a team thing. It’s not the QB playing well and everyone else is not or the other way around.”

The Raiders’ offense last season was statistically the worst in the NFL. Las Vegas’ averages of 14.2 points and 245.2 yards per game were each last in the league.

It didn’t help that the Raiders’ offensive line also was statistically at the bottom, but management hopes that is no longer the case. The club signed three-time Pro Bowl center Tyler Linderbaum to the richest contract ever for an interior offensive lineman. Kolton Miller, who missed all but four games last season because of an ankle injury, is one of the league’s best left tackles.

But how much the Raiders improve up front remains a question, particularly at right guard where Jackson Powers-Johnson is competing with Caleb Rogers for the starting role.

Also questionable is how the receiving corps will perform even without a clear-cut first option. Kubiak criticized the receivers after Thursday’s 22-20 preseason victory at Houston.

“When you go out and you have trouble with your assignments, I’m going to have an opinion about it, and it’s not just them,” Kubiak said Tuesday. “We’ve had plenty of other guys that have got to step up. A lot of young guys, and then guys that we’re counting on in that receiver room.”



Ashley Landis | Associated Press

Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Fernando Mendoza (15) hands off to Las Vegas Raiders running back Mike Washington Jr. (30) during the first half of an NFL preseason football game against the Houston Texans Aug. 20 in Houston.

Now there’s also the significant question at running back after second-year starter Ashton Jeanty went down with an injury in practice Sunday. He was unable to put pressure on his right leg as he was helped off the field, and the Raiders have been quiet about his prognosis.

Rookie Mike Washington Jr., drafted in the fourth round, is taking first-team snaps in practice. He also has performed well enough in training camp that he was getting some of those repetitions even when Jeanty was healthy.

So the Raiders have some decisions to make, most notably at quarterback and when to turn the offense over to Mendoza, the Heisman Trophy winner last year at Indiana. It seems like a matter of time before Mendoza takes over, and Kubiak continues to insist it’s an ongoing competition even with Cousins still quarterbacking the starting offense in practice.

But as Kubiak said, the decision on when to play Mendoza will depend on the quarterback and not the offense around him.

“We’re trying to grow in all phases of our offense, every player, every position group,” offensive coordinator Andrew Janocko said. “Ultimately, coach (Kubiak) has the final say on how and when we’re going to play this person, that person, and not just quarterback, but any position group, and how players develop over time. We like to see the guys develop in practice,

we like to see what they’re doing in these preseason games and then basing decisions on that.”

MUM’S THE WORD ON JEANTY

Kubiak was asked several ways Tuesday about Jeanty’s health, and he refused to bite.

Raiders players and coach knelt and prayed when Jeanty was hurt.

“I think that says a lot about him being on the mend and us counting on him,” Kubiak said, the closest he came to providing an indication on where Jeanty stands. “So really excited to get him back, and I’m a huge believer in the power of prayer.”

SMOOTH TRANSITION BEHIND CENTER

One of the major questions regarding Mendoza was how he would be able to adjust to taking snaps directly under center. He took snaps out of shotgun almost exclusively at Indiana.

Linderbaum didn’t even realize that was the case, an indication of how well Mendoza has adjusted.

“Under center, he’s perfect,” said Jordan Meredith, the backup center who has worked most closely with Mendoza. “I’ve had no issues the whole time. He’s been detail oriented in the huddle, taking command of every play that he gets. I see that he’s ready for anything the coaches ask of him.”

BROTHER VS. BROTHER

The Raiders host San Francisco on Thursday night in the final preseason game for both teams. Kubiak’s brother, Klay, is the 49ers’ offensive coordinator.

“My brother is the smartest guy in the family, and I’m not kidding,” Klint Kubiak said. “He’s brilliant, works really hard. I love him. Not going to love him on Thursday night.”



LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 25.07
CITY OF WHITESVILLE, KENTUCKY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENT AND PAYMENT OF AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX BY PERSONS WITH OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITESVILLE, DAVIESS COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

The full text of this Ordinance is available for public inspection during the normal City of Whitesville business hours in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Whitesville, Kentucky.

The Ordinance is summarized largely in its title, and reference is hereby made to the full text of the Ordinance for a full and complete statement of its contents.

The Whitesville city commission deems it necessary and desirable to impose occupational license taxes on persons with occupations and professions within the City of Whitesville. The occupational license tax shall be measured by 1.15% of all wages and compensation paid in the city for work performed and the net profits from business conducted in the city.

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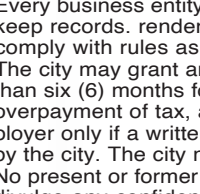
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I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Whitesville, Kentucky, hereby certify that the foregoing Summary of Ordinance No. 25.07 of the City of Whitesville, Kentucky, was approved by the City Commission for first reading on June 23, 2026, and for second reading on July 7, 2026, and was further approved for publication following adoption according to law. I further certify that the foregoing summary was prepared for the City by David M. Johnson, 4830 Towne Square Court, Owensboro, KY 42301. WITNESS my hand and seal of said City, this the 21st day of August, 2026.

(SEAL)

/s/ J. Monique Brooks
City Clerk

Preparation Certificate

The undersigned Attorney at Law, licensed to practice in Kentucky, hereby certifies that the foregoing title summary of Ordinance No. 25.07 of the City of Whitesville, Kentucky, was prepared by the undersigned and constitutes a general summary of essential provisions of said Ordinance, reference to the full text of which Ordinance is hereby made for a complete statement of its provisions and terms.

/s/ David M. Johnson
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THROUGH AUG. 24

1. Denny Hamlin, 1001.
2. Ryan Blaney, 924.
3. Ty Gibbs, 880.
4. Tyler Reddick, 860.
5. Christopher Bell, 738.
6. Chase Briscoe, 727.
7. Kyle Larson, 708.
8. Chase Elliott, 707.
9. Joey Logano, 682.
10. Chris Buescher, 676.
11. Carson Hocevar, 672.

12. William Byron, 644.
13. Daniel Suárez, 638.
14. Bubba Wallace, 630.
15. Austin Cindric, 599.
16. Shane Van Gisbergen, 586.
17. Ryan Preece, 555.
18. Brad Keselowski, 520.
19. Ross Chastain, 505.
20. Erik Jones, 490.
21. Michael McDowell, 484.
22. AJ Allmendinger, 456.
23. Todd Gilliland, 444.
24. Zane Smith, 442.
25. Austin Dillon, 405.
26. Riley Herbst, 402.
27. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 398.
28. John H. Nemechek, 394.
29. Josh Berry, 386.
30. Alex Bowman, 362.
31. Noah Gragson, 334.
32. Cole Custer, 302.
33. Ty Dillon, 294.
34. Connor Zilisch, 259.
35. Cody Ware, 199.
36. Casey Mears, 12.
37. Kevin Magnussen, 11.
38. Jimmie Johnson, 9.
39. Katherine Legge, 8.
40. BJ McLeod, 4.

60-day IL. Claimed RHP Chris Roycroft off waivers from Tampa Bay.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent 3B Blaze Alexander and RHP Félix Bautista on rehab assignments to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Sent LF Roman Anthony on a rehab assignment to Worcester (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Recalled RHP Jonathan Cannon and RF Rikuu Nishida from Charlotte (IL). Sent LHP Chris Murphy and C Kyle Teel on a rehab assignment to Charlotte. Placed RHP Huascar Brazobán on the 15-day IL.
CLEVELAND GUARDIANS — Sent RHP Slade Cecconi on a rehab assignment to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Ty Madden to Toledo (IL). Sent CF James Outman outright to Toledo.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent RHP Michael Fulmer outright to Salt Lake (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Selected the contract of RHP Justin Topa from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Transferred DH Giancarlo Stanton to the 60-day IL.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Reinstated SS J.P. Crawford from the 10-day IL. Optioned 3B Leo Rivas to Tacoma (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent RF Jake Fraley on a rehab assignment to Durham (IL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled RHP Chad Dallas from Buffalo (IL). Sent LHP Joe Mantiplio on a rehab assignment to Buffalo.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Sent LF Tommy Troy on a rehab assignment to Reno (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP Graham Ashcraft on a rehab assignment to Louisville (IL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Reinstated C Hunter Goodman from the 10-day IL. Selected the contract of RHP Mason Adams from Albuquerque

(PCL). Optioned RHP Blake Adams and DH Braxton Fulford to Albuquerque.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated RHP Tyler Glasnow from the 60-day IL. Sent C Will Smith on a rehab assignment to Oklahoma City (PCL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Recalled LHP Dax Fulton from Jacksonville (IL). Placed RHP Pete Fairbanks on the 15-day IL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Reinstated RF Sal Frelick from the 10-day IL. Designated SS Jonathan Ornelas for assignment. Sent RHP Abner Uribe and LHP JoJo Romero on rehab assignments to Wisconsin (ML).
NEW YORK METS — Sent 1B Mark Vientos on a rehab assignment to Syracuse (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHP Kristian Curtis to Indianapolis (IL). Recalled RHP Noah Murdock from Indianapolis.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed LHP Carson Whisenhunt on the 15-day IL. Recalled RHP Spencer Bivens from Sacramento (PCL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled 3B Nolan Gorman from Memphis (IL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated RHP Matt Waldron. Designated RHP Trevor Williams for assignment. Agreed to terms with LHP Tyler Papenbrock on a minor league contract. Sent RHP Josiah Gray on a rehab assignment to Wilmington (SAL).

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed S Josh Minkins and P Jack Browning.
CHICAGO BEARS — Reinstated LBs Keyshaun Elliott and Elijah Hicks from the active/PUP list. Signed LB Antonio Grier. Placed LB Nephi Sewell on injured reserve.
DETROIT LIONS — Signed OL Gus Hartwig. Placed LB Damone Clark on injured reserve.

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The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$1,449,123.60 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$36,228.09; building fund, \$199,357.85; instruction, \$825,205.60; transportation, \$254,842.91; and maintenance of plant, \$133,489.15.

The Board will adopt a tax rate at the regular meeting that takes place on September 17, 2026, at 5:30 pm Central time at the Board of Education office located at 300 Cumberland Ave., Paducah, KY. This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017. The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

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- Kitchen Open to Living Room
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Rate Class	Present	Proposed	RATES	
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\$0

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LEGAL NOTICE

South Logan Water Association
Annual Board meeting
September 1, 2026
@ 9:00am
Location: South Logan Water Office



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Case #25-P-00027

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ATTORNEY:
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EMPLOYMENT

South Logan Water Association
114 South Main St
Adairville, KY 42202

Open Position
Job Title: Field Operations Technician
Probation Period: 90 days
Date: August 2026

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The move was confirmed Sunday by his agent, Brandon Mitchell, who said the 6-foot-9 forward informed the Wildcats' program of his decision on Saturday.

After scoring 18.3 points for the Tigers last season as a two-time All-SEC player,

he signed a contract with the Denver Nuggets that was not guaranteed.

Mitchell, along with scores of college athletes who graduated from high school in 2022, appear to be on a path to play a fifth season in five years after filing

state-court lawsuits. They are not included in the NCAA's new rule approved in June that grants most Division I athletes five years of eligibility over five years but doesn't take effect until

next season.

The NCAA seemed to have an important win in federal court Friday over its much-disputed rule, though it fell short of shutting down the last-minute shuffling threatening to upend rosters in every college sport, including football just days before the season kicks off.



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Kentucky AG receives \$1.5M to hire prosecutors

BY TIMES LEADER AND HERALD LEDGER STAFF

The Kentucky Attorney General office received more than \$1 million “to help combat drug trafficking, human trafficking, health care fraud, and illegal aliens in the commonwealth.”

Using this \$1.5 million, Attorney General Russell Coleman will “hire additional state-level prosecutors who will also be designated as Special Assistant United States Attorneys,” according to an Aug. 20 press release from Coleman’s office. The money was gained through a competitive federal grant from the United States Department of Justice, the release stated.

“Effective law enforcement happens when we tear down silos and multiply our forces in the pursuit of protecting Kentucky families,” Coleman said. “These resources will further strengthen our partnership with the Vice President’s Task Force and our outstanding partners across the Trump Administration to go after criminals and keep our commonwealth safe.”

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Fraud Enforcement Division thanked Coleman “for being among the first in the nation to join our Special Attorneys Grant Program,” adding that he “look[s] forward to these new resources bolstering the state and federal prosecutors working every day for Kentucky.”

“Collaborating with the Attorney General’s Office has directly resulted in stronger

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“This federal grant will make us more effective at our mission: keeping your family safe,” First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky Jason Parman added.

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The Western District covers 53 counties and two military bases, Fort Knox and Fort Campbell. It has offices in Louisville, Paducah, Owensboro, and Bowling Green. Both Princeton and Eddyville are located in the Western District of Kentucky.

Lane restrictions expected on Interstate 24 until the end of the week

BY HERALD LEDGER AND TIMES LEADER STAFF

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 1, which Lyon County and 11 other counties in the region, released expected ongoing road work.

Lane restrictions are expected on Interstate 24 — near exit 45 — until Aug. 29. During this lane restriction, traffic will be “shifted to head-to-head [flow] in eastbound lanes using a crossover,” according to a district press release.

This is the first phase of a “10-mile asphalt [rehabilitation] project between exit 45 in Lyon County and exit 56 in Caldwell County,” the release stated. The expected completion of this project is set for Nov. 15, 2027.



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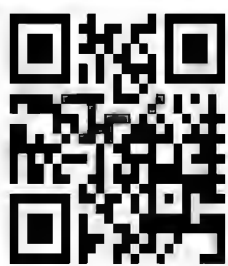
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Exhibit 6

PRESENT TARIFFS

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

(NAME OF UTILITY)

PBR**Performance Based Rate Mechanism****Applicable**

To all gas sold.

Rate Mechanism

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Where:

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