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Re: Atmos Energy Corporation - Petition for Confidentiality received December 2, 2008 -  
PSC Reference – Case No. 2007-00551

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidentiality you filed on December 2, 2008 on behalf of Atmos Energy Corporation to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential under Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870 et. seq. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as certain information filed in Atmos Energy Corporation's schedules attached to its Interim Hedging Report for the 2008-2009 heating season pursuant to Commission Order dated April 8, 2008. Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the information is confidential and proprietary information and contains pricing information regarding hedging strategies, including prices Atmos would likely pay for hedging contracts under various market conditions.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, section 7, the Commission has determined that the information you seek to keep confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to your client's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential meets the criteria for confidential protection and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publically available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Atmos Energy Corporation is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record