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Jeff Derouen
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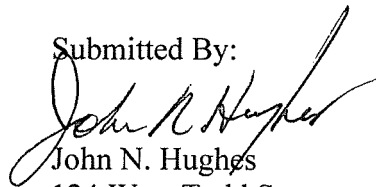
Re: Atmos Energy Corporation
Case No. 2009-00354

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Atmos Energy Corporation submits for filing the testimony of Robert J. Smith, which adopts and substitutes for the pre-filed testimony of Laurie Sherwood. A copy of this filing has been delivered to the Attorney General.

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

Submitted By:



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Attachments

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF)
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RATE APPLICATION BY) **Case No. 2009-00354**
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ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION)

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT J. SMITH

I. POSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Robert J. Smith. My business address is 5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75240.

Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

A. I am the Assistant Treasurer for Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos” or the “Company”), which includes the Kentucky / Mid-States Division.

Q. WHAT ARE YOUR JOB RESPONSIBILITIES?

I am responsible for the corporate treasury operation functions of the Company. My duties include planning, scheduling and administering the Company’s financial requirements, including the sale and issuance of debt and equity securities. In addition to long-term financings, I am responsible for the Company’s bank relations and short-term borrowing and investing activities. As a result of these activities, I am

1 in frequent contact with financial institutions, credit rating agencies, and commercial
2 and investment bankers.

3 **Q. PLEASE OUTLINE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL**
4 **QUALIFICATIONS.**

5 A. I earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Finance from
6 the University of South Florida in 1987 and a Master of Science in Finance degree
7 from Indiana University in 2006. From June 1988 to April 2000, I was employed by
8 Wells Fargo/Norwest Corporation in various financial positions, most recently as
9 Area Manager. From April 2000 to October 2001, I was employed by Dynegy Inc. as
10 Retail/Alliance Credit Manager.

11 I joined Atmos in October 2001 as the Director of Credit and Finance for the
12 unregulated operations. In October 2003, I was promoted to Senior Director of Credit
13 and Finance. I was named Assistant Treasurer in July 2008.

14 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE KENTUCKY**
15 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (“COMMISSION”) OR OTHER**
16 **REGULATORY ENTITIES?**

17 A I have not testified before the Kentucky Public Service Commission. I have testified
18 before the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

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II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

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

23 A. The purpose of my testimony is to adopt the direct testimony previously filed by

1 Company witness Laurie Sherwood in this docket from page 2, line 22 to page 5, line
2 16, including the two exhibits referenced on page 5 of Ms. Sherwood's direct
3 testimony.

4 **Q. IF YOU WERE ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS POSED TO MS.**
5 **SHERWOOD FROM PAGE 2, LINE 22 TO PAGE 5, LINES 3 - 4 OF HER**
6 **DIRECT TESTIMONY PREVIOUSLY FILED IN THIS DOCKET WOULD**
7 **YOUR ANSWERS BE THE SAME AS THOSE GIVEN IN HER DIRECT**
8 **TESTIMONY?**

9 A. Yes, my answers would be the same.

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

11 A. Yes.

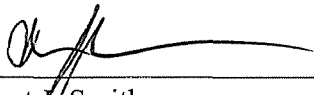
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CERTIFICATE AND AFFIDAVIT

The Affiant, Robert J. Smith, being duly sworn, deposes and states that the prepared testimony attached hereto and made a part hereof, constitutes the prepared direct testimony of this affiant in Case No. 2009-00354, in the Matter of the Rate Application of Atmos Energy Corporation, and that if asked the questions propounded therein, this affiant would make the answers set forth in the attached prepared direct pre-filed testimony.

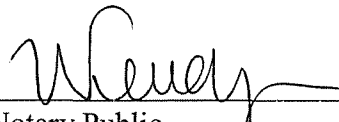
Affiant further states that he will be present and available for cross examination for such additional direct examination as may be appropriate at any hearing in Case No. 2009-00354 scheduled by the Commission, at which time affiant will further reaffirm the attached testimony his direct testimony in such case.



Robert J. Smith

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by Robert J. Smith
on this the 30 day of November, 2009.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: March 31, 2010

