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November 12, 2009

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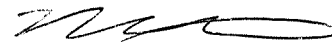
**PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION**

RE: **Atmos Energy Corporation's Responses to
KPSC Initial Data Request
Case No. 2009-00412**

Dear Mr. Devouen:

I enclose herewith an original, plus seven (7) copies, of Atmos Energy Corporation's Responses to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's Initial Data Request in Case No. 2009-00412 for filing in your office. Thanks.

Very truly yours,



Mark R. Hutchinson

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**ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION**

KENTUCKY

CASE NO. 2009-00412

RESPONSES TO

COMMISSION STAFF DATA REQUEST

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
KENTUCKY
Case No. 2009-00412
Commission Staff Data Request
DR Item 1
Witness: LAURIE M. SHERWOOD
Vice President & Treasurer

Data Request:

1. Why is Atmos requesting an additional \$850,000 [sic] in financing after having received authorization for financing in Case No. 2009-00046 in a Commission Order dated March 2, 2009?

RESPONSE: This amount is designed to allow the Company to raise funds for the repayment of maturing debt as well as to issue debt and/or common stock for other purposes. The Company has determined it is prudent to increase its shelf filing authorization due to ever changing market conditions. The Company has a total of \$792,000,000 in bank credit facilities that will mature in 2010 and 2011. If the bank credit market were to suffer another crisis, the Company needs the ability to issue long-term debt or common stock to replace this amount of liquidity.

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
KENTUCKY
Case No. 2009-00412
Commission Staff Data Request
DR Item 2
Witness: LAURIE M. SHERWOOD
Vice President & Treasurer

Data Request:

2. Why does Atmos anticipate the need for \$850,000 [sic] additional financing when \$450,000 [sic] is unused from the last authorized amount?

RESPONSE: See Company's response to Item 1 above.