COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
)	
OF RATES AND TARIFF MODIFICATIONS)	2017-00349

COMMISSION STAFF'S POST HEARING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original in paper medium and an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due on or before April 6, 2018. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Atmos shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Atmos fails or

refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Atmos shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When filing a paper containing personal information, Atmos shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

- 1. Refer to Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information, Item 1. Provide an updated billing analysis that includes the billing determinants and rates that Atmos would propose to produce its revised revenue increase. Provide both present and proposed rates, billing determinants, and revenues. This schedule should be provided in Excel format with all cells visible, and all formulas intact.
- 2. Refer to Atmos's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 6. Provide the amount of dividends paid for fiscal year 2016, fiscal year 2017, fiscal year 2018 to date, the base period, and the test period. If there are no dividends paid in the base period and forecasted test year, explain the reason(s) for not paying a dividend.
- Provide Atmos's Pipeline Replacement Program's ("PRP") average annual cost per mile to replace pipe since its inception in 2009, with a breakdown by cost components.

- 4. Provide the number of miles of bare-steel pipeline that Atmos has remaining on its system, as well as the number of miles of pipeline that has been replaced as a result of the PRP.
- 5. Provide the current one-year and five-year PRP project lists that have been prepared by engineering and the associated estimated cost for each identified project.
- 6. Provide a list of Atmos's other operating divisions in other states, indicate whether a Research and Development Rider is approved for such divisions, and if so, provide the corresponding tariffed rate. If Research and Development is funded through base rates, provide the amount that is included in revenue requirements for that purpose.
- 7. Refer to the Attorney General's response to Atmos's Request for Information, Item 20. Provide the amount of Directors' Stock expense that is included in Atmos's revenue requirement.
- 8. Refer to Mr. Baudino's Direct Testimony, where he proposed an adjustment to the interest rate of Atmos's \$450 million senior note maturing on March 15, 2019, from 8.5 percent to 4 percent. If Atmos believes the 4 percent interest rate is not attainable, provide the interest rate that Atmos finds reasonable, with supporting documentation.
- 9. Provide Atmos's Kentucky system's annual lost and unaccounted for gas percentage for each year since 2009 until 2018 to date.
- 10. Provide Mr. Vander Weide's updated Return on Equity ("ROE") based upon the most current information available, with supporting documentation of the same, and a detailed explanation of the change in proposed ROE.
- 11. Provide documentation from the Internal Revenue Service that supports Atmos's position regarding the application of the consistency rule to the tax issues.

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