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November 1, 2024

Ms. Linda Bridwell, Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Case No. 2024-00276

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has achieved record-breaking economic success over the past several years. Together, we have supported the creation of great paying jobs and helped grow and/or attract leading companies that are transforming the industries that they represent and the communities where they reside. This achievement was only possible through great collaboration between Team Kentucky and critical partners. Among others, those partnerships include the Energy and Environment Cabinet, the Public Service Commission, and our utility partners, who have been supportive on many projects and initiatives. Atmos Energy (Company) is one of those great co-collaborators.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development (KCED) is aware that the Company has filed an application to increase rates through the general rate case proceeding referenced above and are also requesting a removal of caps on capital expenditures. While we are not experts in the regulatory space, nor would we take a position on any regulatory matter, we do know communities across Kentucky have a pent-up need for increased gas infrastructure to support job creation and investment. We encourage all parties involved in this area to work collaboratively to understand all issues with an eye toward stimulating expanded infrastructure for economic development.

The ability for a company to locate a true build ready site in Kentucky and have the flexibility to get to market expeditiously, is critical to the success of our collective economic development efforts. We stand ready to support all involved to continue in our efforts to make the Commonwealth as competitive as possible for future community and economic development activities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Noel".

Jeff Noel  
Secretary, Office of the Secretary  
Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

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