

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF ATMOS	)	
ENERGY CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE	)	
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	)	CASE NO.
TO CONSTRUCT GAS DISTRIBUTION LINES IN	)	2026-00294
MUHLENBERG COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AND	)	
OTHER GENERAL RELIEF	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on November 6, 2026. The Commission directs Atmos to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and 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 the

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

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 Atmos obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete 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 shall be given to copied and scanned 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 applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. 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 the Application, Direct Testimony of Chase Downing (Downing Direct Testimony), page 4.

- a. Provide a breakdown of the estimated cost of the project in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns fully accessible and unprotected.

b. Provide a cost-benefit analysis of the alternative source for the current active customers comparing the recommended project.

c. Provide the amount of the current operation and maintenance (O&M) costs annually.

d. Provide the rate impact of the recommended project on the monthly rate for Atmos's customers.

e. Provide the monthly customer usage and bill amount for the last three years.

2. Refer to the Application, ATTACHMENT CD-1. Explain whether Atmos contacted community line or shared line owners or customers regarding this issue.

3. Refer to the Application, Downing Direct Testimony, page 4. Confirm that Atmos employees would install the main line extension and service lines. If not confirmed, state who would install the extension.

4. Refer to the Application, Downing Direct Testimony, pages 2 to 3, stating that the community lines are "owned, operated, and maintained, by free gas users – not by Texas Gas or Atmos Energy" and that "[t]wenty-six Atmos Energy customers will be affected by Texas Gas's abandonment of service."

a. State whether the "Atmos Energy customers" who will lose service (Affected Customers) are served from the community lines, and if so, explain why the customers would be considered Atmos customers if they are not served from lines owned by Atmos.

b. Identify all rates that the Affected Customers are currently charged for service, and if applicable, the tariff page(s) on which each such rate is located.

c. Provide the date on which each affected customer first began receiving service from the line or lines at issue, whether provided by Atmos or some other entity.

d. Explain whether, and if so how, other potential customers could obtain service like the service provided to the affected customers and explain who would be eligible to receive such service.

5. Refer to the Application, Downing Direct Testimony, page 5, lines 8-11. State whether Atmos has contacted other customers served by Texas Gas that are being removed from the community lines. If yes, state whether any of those customers indicated they were interested in taking service from Atmos.

6. Provide the estimated time for Atmos to install a main line extension and the 26 service lines.

7. Refer to the Application, Downing Direct Testimony, page 4. State whether Atmos discussed conversion with the 26 customers in addition to the letter provided. If yes, state whether any of the 26 customers indicated whether they would like to convert to another energy source or to continue with natural gas service.

8. State whether Atmos contends that the Affected Customers are regulated utility customers with rates and conditions of service subject to KRS 278.160, KRS 278.180, KRS 278.190, and other related provisions of KRS Chapter 278, and explain each basis for Atmos's response.

9. Provide a copy of all contracts between any of the Affected Customers or their predecessors in interest, and Texas Gas or Atmos, or any of their predecessors in

interest concerning the affected customers' service or receipt of gas at the locations at issue.

10. Refer to Atmos's distribution main and service line extension policies in Atmos's tariff, which are primarily located at P.S.C. KY. No. 2, Original SHEET No. 83 and 84.

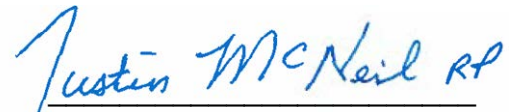
a. State whether Atmos's distribution main extension policy or service line extension policy would be applicable to the extension to the Affected Customers proposed in this case and explain each basis for your response.

b. Notwithstanding whether or not those extension policies are applicable, explain whether, and if so, why it would be reasonable to allocate the cost of extensions proposed in this case to all customers instead of allocating the costs to Affected Customers given the size of the necessary investment as compared to the number customers that are expected to be served.

11. Provide any contracts between Atmos and Texas Gas, or their predecessors in interest, related to the provision of service to the Affected Customers, including contracts delineating responsibilities for the customers between the parties or contracts taking over service from previous owners, regardless of whether the contracts are "current" or not.

12. Explain any corporate relationships between Texas Gas and Atmos.

13. Explain any contractual relationships or other agreements between Atmos and Texas Energy related to the Affected Customers.


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