

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF ATMOS	)	
ENERGY CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH PRP	)	CASE NO.
RIDER RATES FOR THE TWELVE MONTH	)	2026-00200
PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026	)	

ORDER

On August 21, 2026, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed a motion, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878, requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment for documents supplied in response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Item 1.

The Commission is a public agency subject to Kentucky's Open Records Act, which requires that all public records "be open for inspection by any person, except as otherwise provided by KRS 61.870 to 61.884."¹ Exceptions to the free and open examination of public records contained in KRS 61.878 should be strictly construed.² The party requesting that materials be treated confidentially has the burden of establishing that one of the exceptions is applicable.³

In support of its petition, Atmos argued for the application of KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1), which provides an exception to the requirement for public disclosure for records that are "generally recognized as confidential or proprietary, which if openly disclosed would

¹ KRS 61.872(1).

² See KRS 61.871.

³ 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(2)(c).

permit an unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the entity that disclosed the records,” and KRS 61.878(1)(m), which exempts “[p]ublic records the disclosure of which would have a reasonable likelihood of threatening the public safety by exposing a vulnerability in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, or responding to a terrorist act.”⁴

The exemption is limited to certain types of records, including:

Infrastructure records that expose a vulnerability referred to in this subparagraph through the disclosure of the location, configuration, or security of critical systems, including public utility critical systems. These critical systems shall include but not be limited to information technology, communication, electrical, fire suppression, ventilation, water, wastewater, sewage, and gas systems.⁵

A terrorist act is defined as including a criminal act intended to “[d]isrupt a system” identified in the above.⁶

Atmos’s response to Staff’s First Request, Item 1, included its Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP) and Transmission Integrity Management Plan (TIMP) related to pipeline risk assessments. While the motion is unclear why release of the information might create an unfair commercial advantage, Atmos argued that this information should be exempted from disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(m), as it constitutes information pertaining to critical infrastructure that could be used to disrupt the system.

Having considered the petition and the material at issue, the Commission finds that Atmos’s August 21, 2026 petition for confidential treatment should be granted. The

⁴ KRS 61.878(1)(m)(1).

⁵ KRS 61.878(1)(m)(1)(f).

⁶ KRS 61.878(1)(m)(2)(b).

designated material should be exempted from public disclosure indefinitely pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(m).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Atmos's August 21, 2026 motion for confidential treatment is granted.
2. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period or until further order of this Commission.
3. Use of the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).
4. If the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment, Atmos shall inform the Commission and file with the Commission an unredacted copy of the designated material.
5. If a nonparty to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Atmos shall have 20 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Atmos is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.
6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of an Order finding that the material no

longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow Atmos to seek a remedy afforded by law.

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Entered on this 24th day of September, 2026.

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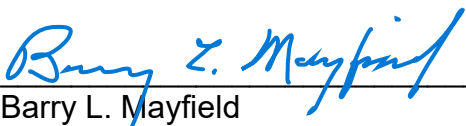
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