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Mark R. Hutchinson
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Re: Atmos Energy Corporation
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 4/30/12
PSC Reference – Case No. 2007-00551

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on April 30, 2012 on behalf of Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Atmos’ Final Hedging Report for the 2011-2012 season filed pursuant to Commission Order dated April 8, 2008. The information is described as schedules containing sensitive pricing information and confidential information regarding Atmos’ hedging strategies. You also filed a Motion to Accept the Final Hedging Report. The Commission has accepted the filing of your Final Hedging Report; however, be advised that the Commission does not require you to make a Motion for a filing to be accepted.

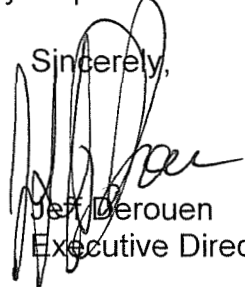
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to competitors and reveal trade secrets.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Atmos’ competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission’s file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Atmos Energy Corporation is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record