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John Hughes
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Re: Atmos Energy Corporation
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 1/25/10
PSC Reference – Case No. 2009-00354

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on January 25, 2010 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 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Atmos' responses to Commission and Attorney General's Data Requests in accordance with procedural Order dated December 15, 2009. The information is described as a map of current and proposed facilities in Bowling Green, Kentucky, system improvements, and rating agency reports and correspondence.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Atmos' competitive position in the industry and result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors, as well as 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 as follows:

- (1) **Response to PSC D.R. No. 2-27:** Map of current or proposed facilities meets the criteria for confidential protection due to infrastructure details, and therefore confidentiality is **GRANTED**;

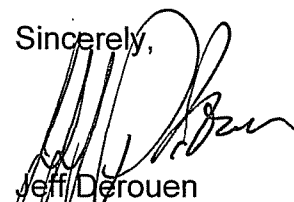
- (2) **Response to PSC D.R. No. 2-27:** regarding system improvements in Bowling Green does not meet the criteria for confidential protection, and is hereby **DENIED.**
- (3) **Response to AG D.R. No. 1-067:** regarding rate of return meets the criteria for confidential protection and is hereby **GRANTED**

The information listed above that has been granted confidential protection 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.

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.

The information denied confidentiality will be withheld from public inspection for 20 days from the date of this letter. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may seek rehearing with the Commission within 20 days of the date of this letter under the provisions of KRS 278.400

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record