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April 27, 2010

Mark R. Hutchinson
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Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

Re: Atmos Energy Corporation
Petition for Confidential Protection received 3/30/10
PSC Reference – Case No. 2010-00135

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on March 30, 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 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as information contained in its "GCA" for the period of May 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010. The information is more particularly described as containing Atmos' quarterly correction factor and projected gas prices, more specifically Exhibit D, page 5, containing actual price determinant paid to supplier, and its WACOG schedule in support of Exhibit C, page 2, containing projected pricing for purchase contracts.

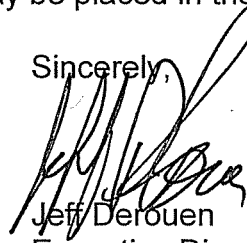
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Atmos' competitive position in the industry and result in an unfair commercial advantage to their competitors.

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 you seek to keep 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen", written over the typed name.

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record