

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Atmos Energy)	
Corporation's 2008-2009 Purchased Gas)	<u>File No. GR-2009-0417</u>
Adjustment and Actual Cost Adjustment)	Tariff No. YG-2010-0284

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Issue Date: October 28, 2009

Effective Date: November 1, 2009

On October 15, 2009, Atmos Energy Corporation, filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective November 1, 2009. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect a change in Atmos' Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the 2009-2010 winter season.

Atmos' tariff filing will increase the firm PGA factor for the Atmos West Area – Butler District for the 2009-2010 winter season from \$0.34860 per Ccf to \$0.40375 per Ccf, an increase of \$0.05515 per Ccf. For the Atmos West Area – Rich Hill / Hume District, the PGA factor will increase from \$0.34860 per Ccf to \$0.39615 per Ccf, an increase of \$0.04755 per Ccf. For the Atmos Kirksville Area, the PGA factor will increase from \$0.49080 per Ccf, to \$0.49901 per Ccf, an increase of \$0.00821 per Ccf. For the Atmos Northeast Area, the PGA factor will decrease from \$0.4513 per Ccf, to \$0.42070, a decrease of \$0.0306 per Ccf. For the Atmos Southeast Area – SEMO District, the PGA factor will increase from \$0.48410 per Ccf, to \$0.53984 per Ccf, an increase of \$0.05574 per Ccf. For Atmos' Southeast Area – Neelyville District, the PGA factor will increase from \$0.48410 per Ccf, to \$0.53984 per Ccf, an increase of \$0.05574 per Ccf.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on October 23, 2009. Staff recommends the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-2008-0364, GR-2007-0403, and GR-2009-0417. Staff recommends the tariff become effective on November 1, 2009.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to Atmos' Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because Atmos' PGA clause in its tariff allows for PGA change filings to take effect on ten days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on November 1, 2009, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-2008-0364, GR-2007-0403, and GR-2009-0417.

Atmos also filed information regarding its Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor. Staff requests that it be allowed until December 31, 2010, to review and file its recommendation for the ACA factor. The Commission finds this request to be reasonable and will direct Staff to file its recommendation as set out below.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheet filed on October 15, 2009, by Atmos Energy Corporation, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-2008-0364, GR-2007-0403, and GR-2009-0417, for service rendered on and after November 1, 2009. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

9th Revised Sheet No. 44, Canceling 8th Revised Sheet No. 44

2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation regarding the 2008-2009 Actual Cost Adjustment factor no later than December 31, 2010.

3. This order shall become effective on November 1, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Steven C. Reed
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge
By delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of October, 2009