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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

RE: *In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment
Factors to be reviewed in its 2003 – 2004 Actual Cost Adjustment,
Case No. GR 2003-0150*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of Atmos Energy Corporation's Motion for Protective Order.

A copy of the Motion has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas C. Walther".

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Senior Attorney

Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
Dana K. Joyce

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of Atmos Energy)
Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment)
Factors to be Audited in its 2003-2004)
Actual Cost Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-2003-0150

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

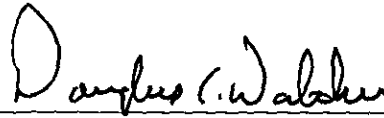
COMES NOW Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), and hereby requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to issue a protective order in the above-captioned case. In support thereof, Atmos states as follows:

1. In accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.085, and in order to facilitate the exchange of highly confidential and proprietary information and the preparation of a Staff Recommendation in this matter, Atmos hereby requests the Commission issue a protective order in this proceeding. None of the information for which a claim of confidentiality is made can be found in any format in any other public document. Atmos requests the Commission to issue its standard protective order, in the same form as has been customary in previous cases.

2. Atmos notes that the Commission has issued this standard protective order in numerous other dockets where it has recognized a genuine need to protect confidential information from disclosure. The issuance of protective orders in prior proceedings has helped to minimize disputes, and has provided a sound method for parties to submit confidential information.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Atmos Energy Corporation. respectfully requests the Commission to issue a protective order in this proceeding, in the same form as has been customary in previous cases.

Respectfully submitted,



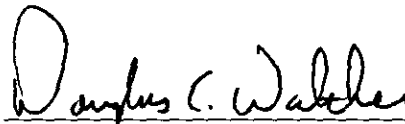
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed, mailed or hand-delivered this 15th day of September, 2003, to:

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