

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Tariff            )  
Revision Designed to Consolidate Rates and                )  
Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas        )  
Service in the Missouri Service Area of Atmos.            )     **Case No. GR-2006-0387**

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO REPLY TO THE OFFICE OF  
THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO ATMOS ENERGY  
CORPORATION'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Issue Date: December 16, 2008

Effective Date: December 16, 2008

On November 24, 2008 Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") filed an Annual Report pursuant to the Commission's directive in its February 22, 2007 Report and Order ("Order"). On December 4, 2008, the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") filed a response claiming Atmos' filing was not in compliance with the Commission's Order and requesting an investigation. To date, no party has filed a response to Public Counsel's pleading.

The Commission would benefit from a reply from its Staff prior to making a decision on Public Counsel's request. Consequently, the Commission will direct its Staff to file a response. Staff's response shall address Public Counsel's claim that Atmos fails to comply with the Commission's Order and shall provide the Commission with a recommendation regarding Public Counsel's request for an investigation.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. No later than January 5, 2009, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a reply to the Office of the Public Counsel's December 4, 2008 response to Atmos Energy Corporation's Annual Report as directed in the body of this order.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 16th day of December, 2008.