

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Tariff)
Revision Designed to Implement a General Rate)
Increase for Natural Gas Service in the Missouri) **Case No. GR-2010-0192**
Service Area of the Company.)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
TEST YEAR, UPDATE PERIOD AND TRUE-UP**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and for its recommendation respectfully state as follows:

1. On January 6, 2010, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, And Directing Filings* (Suspension Order). Among other things, the Commission in its Suspension Order directed that the parties shall file recommendations concerning the update period for known and measurable changes and for a true-up.

2. On January 26, 2010, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company) filed its Recommendation Regarding Test Year. In that pleading, Atmos clarified its position regarding its recommendation 1) of the establishment of a twelve month test year ended June 30, 2009, 2) setting an update period for known and measurable changes through March 31, 2010, and 3) stating its belief that a True-Up Proceeding will not be required in this case.

3. Staff, on behalf of the parties to this case pursuant to the Commission's Suspension Order, is to contemporaneously file with this pleading a proposed Joint Procedural Schedule And Joint Motion Requesting Adoption Of Certain Other Procedural Matters. The Joint Procedural Schedule informs the Commission that the Company and the parties have agreed to shorten the update period by one month, moving the update period from March 31 to

February 28, 2010. (See the Joint Procedural Schedule paragraph 5(f) and footnote 1 for further explanation).

4. That said, the Staff supports the twelve month test year ending June 30, 2009 with an update period for known and measurable changes through February 28, 2010. Staff agrees with the Company that a true-up proceeding will not be required. Accordingly, the Joint Procedural Schedule makes no provision for a true-up audit, testimony filing, or hearing.

WHEREFORE, in response to the Commission's Suspension Order issued on January 6, 2010, the Staff prays the Commission accept its recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 2nd day of February 2010.

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