

# **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's ) **Case No. GR-2005-0311, et al.**  
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be ) Tariff Nos. YG-2006-0299,  
Audited in its 2004-2005 Actual Cost Adjustment. ) YG-2006-0300, & YG-2006-0301

### **ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES**

Issue Date: November 3, 2005

Effective Date: November 4, 2005

On October 21, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation filed three tariffs that carry an effective date of November 4, 2005. The tariffs reflect scheduled changes in Atmos' Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season.

On November 1, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation and memoranda concerning the tariffs. Staff recommends that Atmos' proposed tariffs be approved for service on and after November 4, as an interim rate, subject to refund.

The first tariff, which was assigned tariff number YG-2006-0299, concerns Atmos' Areas B, K, and S. For Area B – the Old Butler District – the net effect of the changes made by the tariff will increase the firm PGA factor for the upcoming winter season to \$1.17153 per Ccf, compared to the 2004-2005 winter PGA factor of \$0.67289 per Ccf. For Area K – the Old Kirksville District – the net effect of the changes made by the tariff will increase the firm PGA factor for the upcoming winter season to \$1.29187 per Ccf, compared to the 2004-2005 winter PGA factor of \$0.71950 per Ccf. For Area S – the Old SEMO District – the net effect of the changes made by the tariff will increase the firm PGA

factor for the upcoming winter season to \$1.27161 per Ccf, compared to the 2004-2005 winter PGA factor of \$0.82889 per Ccf.

The second tariff, which was assigned tariff number YG-2006-0300, concerns Atmos' Areas P and U. For Area P – the Palmyra District – the net effect of the changes made by the tariff will increase the firm PGA factor for the upcoming winter season to \$1.1630 per Ccf, compared to the 2004-2005 winter PGA factor of \$0.5992 per Ccf. For Area U – the Bowling Green and Hannibal/Canton Districts – the net effect of the changes made by the tariff will increase the firm PGA factor for the upcoming winter season to \$1.1630 per Ccf, compared to the 2004-2005 winter PGA factor of \$0.5992 per Ccf. For Area U – the Neelyville District – the net effect of the changes made by the tariff will increase the firm PGA factor for the upcoming winter season to \$0.8653 per Ccf, compared to the 2004-2005 winter PGA factor of \$0.6361 per Ccf.

The third tariff, which was assigned tariff number YG-2006-0301, concerns Atmos' Area G. For Area G – the Greely District – the net effect of the changes made by the tariff will increase the firm PGA factor for the upcoming winter season to \$1.3189 per Ccf, compared to the 2004-2005 winter PGA factor of \$0.8182 per Ccf.

Staff states that Atmos' proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with its PGA clause. Staff further states that Atmos' PGA clause allows for ten business days' notice for filings reflecting PGA changes and that good cause exists to approve the proposed tariffs on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariffs to become effective November 4, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in this case.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariffs and Staff's recommendation and memoranda. The Commission finds that the tariffs conform to Atmos' Commission-approved PGA Clause and are, therefore, reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariffs should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 4, interim subject to refund.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the proposed tariffs filed on October 21, 2005, by Atmos Energy Corporation, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 4, 2005. The tariff sheets approved are:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 1**

7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 37, Canceling 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 37, for Area B  
7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 81, Canceling 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 81, for Area K  
7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 149, Canceling 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 149, for Area S  
8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 113, Canceling 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 113, for Area P  
8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 188, Canceling 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 188, for Area U  
6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 49, Canceling 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 49, for Area G

2. That this order shall become effective on November 4, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 3rd day of November, 2005.