

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's	)	<b>Case No. GR-2010-0238</b>
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing	)	YG-2010-0657
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and submits its Recommendation concerning Atmos Energy Corporation's (Atmos or Company) Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing. Staff recommends the Commission approve the tariff sheet filed by Atmos on May 17, 2010.

1. On May 14, 2010, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company) filed a proposed tariff sheet bearing an effective date of June 1, 2008. This tariff sheet was filed to reflect changes in Atmos' PGA factors as a result of an estimated change in the cost of natural gas. The above-captioned case was established to track the company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2008-2009 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing. Case No. GR-2009-0417 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2007-2008 ACA filing.

2. Commission approval of the tariff results in a \$0.1227 per Ccf decrease for the Atmos Northwest area; a \$0.0500 per Ccf decrease for the Atmos Kirksville area; and a \$0.1411 per Ccf decrease for the Atmos Southeast area.

3. For reasons further detailed in Staff's Memorandum, attached as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, the PGA factor rate changes should be approved on an interim, subject to refund status, pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR 2010-0238, GR-2008-0364, and GR-2009-0417.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated in Staff's Memorandum, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving Atmos' tariff sheet in File No. YG-2010-0657, on an interim, subject to refund basis.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Samuel D. Ritchie**

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**/s/ Samuel D. Ritchie**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,  
Case No. GR-2010-0238, File No. YG-2010-0657  
Atmos Energy Corporation

FROM: Thomas M. Imhoff, Energy Department – Tariffs/Rate Design

/s/ Thomas M. Imhoff 5/21/10                      /s/ Samuel D. Ritchie 5/21/10  
Utility Operations Division/Date                      General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Atmos Energy Corporation's Optional PGA Filing  
Effective June 1, 2010

DATE: May 21, 2010

On May 14, 2010, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company) of Owensboro, Kentucky, filed a tariff sheet requesting an effective date of June 1, 2010. This tariff sheet was filed to reflect changes in Atmos PGA factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas.

The Atmos West Area including the Butler and Rich/Hill Hume areas remain unchanged.

For the Atmos Northeast Area (Hannibal, Canton, Bowling Green and Palmyra or Combined District) served by the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, the effect of this change will decrease the firm PGA factors from the current \$0.47070 per Ccf to \$0.34800 per Ccf. This represents a \$0.1227 per Ccf decrease.

For the Atmos Kirksville Area, served by the ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), including the cities of Kirksville and Lancaster, the effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factors from the current \$0.49901 per Ccf to \$0.44901 per Ccf. This represents a \$0.0500 per Ccf decrease.

For the Atmos Southeast Area – SEMO and Neelyville Districts, served by the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Texas Eastern Pipeline Company, Mississippi River Transmission, and Ozark Gas Transmission, including the cities of Jackson, Charleston, New Madrid, Caruthersville, Kennett and Neelyville, the effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factors from the current \$0.53984 per Ccf to \$0.39874 per Ccf. This represents a \$0.1411 per Ccf decrease.

Case No. GR-2010-0238, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2009-2010 ACA filing. Case No. GR-2009-0417 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2008-2009 ACA filing. Case No. GR-2008-0364 was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2007-2008 ACA filing. This rate change should be on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR 2010-0238, GR-2008-0364, and GR-2009-0417.

Staff has verified that this company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

Staff has reviewed this filing and has determined that it was calculated in conformance with Atmos' PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty (30) days notice is demonstrated by Atmos' Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheet be approved, interim subject to refund:

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11<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 44, Canceling 10<sup>th</sup> Revised No. 44

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Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment ) Case No. GR-2010-0238  
Tariff Filing )

**STATE OF MISSOURI            )**  
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**COUNTY OF COLE            )**

Thomas M. Imhoff  
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Susan L. Sundermeyer  
Notary Public