

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's     )  
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing.         ) Case No. GR-2010-0238

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO  
APPROVE TARIFF FILING ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and, files its recommendation in this Purchased Gas Adjustment tariff case. In support thereof Staff states:

1. On October 15, 2010, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company) of Owensboro, Kentucky, filed a tariff sheet requesting an effective date of November 1, 2010.
2. This tariff sheet was filed to reflect changes in the PGA factors for Atmos various service areas as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter heating season.
3. Atmos requests the tariff sheet be permitted to go into effect on November 1, 2010.
4. Staff recommends the Commission permit Atmos to implement the tariff changes and approve the Company's request for expedited treatment, however, Staff also recommends the tariff sheet go into effect on an interim subject to refund basis only.
5. Due to the limited time available to review the documentation supporting the ACA factor represented in this filing, the Procurement Analysis Department (PAD) has requested permission to submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in this ACA filing to the Commission on or before December 31, 2011.

6. 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.

WHEREFORE based on the reasons stated in the attached Staff recommendation, Staff recommends the tariff sheet may be approved to become effective on or before November 1, 2010 on an interim subject to refund basis only.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2010.

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