

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy	)	
Corporation Purchased Gas Adjustment	)	
for area U (old Hannibal/Canton, old	)	Case No. GR-2005-0311
Bowling Green and old Neelyville	)	
Districts)	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
In the Matter of Atmos Energy	)	Case No. GR-2006-0179
Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment	)	
Factors to be audited in 2004-2005 Actual	)	
Cost Adjustment.	)	

**STAFF'S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

**ATMOS' PGA CASES**

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and file its Motion to Consolidate. In support of its Motion Staff states:

1. In this case, the Staff is recommending consolidation of these two cases because the tariff filed in GR-2006-0179 should have been filed under GR-2005-0311, which is the case under which the PGA factors for 2004-2005 are to be reviewed. Consolidating the cases corrects that error.

2. On October 21, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company), filed tariff sheets for its three Missouri territories, with a proposed effective date of November 4, 2005. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect scheduled changes in Atmos' PGA factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season. The winter season includes the months of November through March.

3. These tariff filings reflect changes in the Regular Purchased Gas Adjustment (RPGA) factors. In addition, these filings reflect changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors.

4. These tariff sheets were filed under Case No. GR-2006-0179 when they should have been filed under Atmos' existing 2004-2005 PGA/ACA Case No. GR-2005-0311. Case No. GR-2005-0311 had been established in March, 2005 to track Atmos' 2004-2005 ACA period. Staff recommends that Case Nos. GR-2005-0311 and GR-2006-0179 be consolidated into one case. This would allow Atmos' 2004-05 ACA period to be accounted for under one case.

5. Staff further recommends that, after consolidation, the Commission may close Case No. GR-2006-0179.

6. The Staff has reviewed these PGA filings and has determined that they were calculated in conformance with Atmos' PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty 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 tariff sheets be approved, interim subject to refund only, with an effective date of November 4, 2005.

WHEREFORE the Staff recommends consolidation of the two captioned cases, closing of the 2006 case, and approval of the tariff sheets with an effective date of November 4, 2005, interim, subject to refund.

Respectfully submitted,

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