BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's filing for Purchased Gas Adjustment.

) Case No. GR-2006-0300

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and files its Recommendation.

1. On January 17, 2006, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company) of Franklin, Tennessee filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective February 1, 2006.

2. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect an optional change in Atmos' Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of an estimated change in the cost of natural gas for the remainder of the current winter season.

3. Atmos filed tariff sheets to reduce the PGA factor in each of its three Missouri territories.

4. 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. Staff further recommends that good cause exists for prompt implementation of these new rates because the filing reduces rates to the Company's natural gas customers.

5. Staff will review the tariffs and determine whether they are in conformance with Atmos' tariffs in the subsequent ACA process.

WHEREFORE the Staff recommends that the tariffs be approved on an interim basis subject to refund.

Respectfully submitted,

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