

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy	)	
Corporation's Tariff Revision Designed to	)	
Consolidate Rates and Implement a	)	
General Rate Increase for Natural Gas	)	Case No. GR-2006-0387
Service in the Missouri Service Area of	)	
the Company.	)	

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TRUE-UP**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation regarding true-up states:

1. On June 2, 2006, the Commission issued its *Order Concerning Test Year And True-Up And Adopting Procedural Schedule With Modifications* (Order). The Commission's Order directed in ordered paragraph 2 that "Recommendations regarding a true-up hearing shall be filed no later than September 13, 2006." Page 2 of the Order states "...the parties agreed to submit their respective recommendations regarding the necessity of a true-up hearing on September 13, 2006."

2. As explained in the direct testimony Staff witness Stephen M. Rackers filed this same day, the Staff proposes a true-up audit for the period ending September 30, 2006, provided that the necessary information, as outlined in Mr. Rackers' testimony, is available in a timely manner.

3. Therefore, the Staff believes there is a necessity for a true-up hearing. However, the Staff is unable to suggest a date for the true-up hearing until the parties have held their settlement conference during the first week of October.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its recommendation regarding the necessity of holding a true-up hearing as indicated above.

Respectfully submitted,

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