

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Tariff )  
Revision Designed to Implement a General Rate )  
Increase for Natural Gas Service in the Missouri ) **Case No. GR-2010-0192**  
Service Area of the Company. )

**JOINT MOTION TO REVISE  
EXISTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and on behalf of itself and the parties to this proceeding, including the Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos), Office of the Public Counsel, Noranda, IBEW 1439, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and respectfully state as follows:

1. On February 16, 2010, the Commission issued its *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule With Modifications, Establishing Test Year, and Adopting Proposed Customer Notice* ("February 16 Order"), whereby the Commission established a procedural schedule for this proceeding. Included in the established schedule were tentative dates of June 21-25, 2010 for local public hearings, with the "locations and dates to be established by subsequent order."

2. Thereafter, on April 14, 2010, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Local Public Hearings*,<sup>1</sup> wherein the Commission scheduled local public hearings to be held at specific locations and at designated times on June 29-July 1, 2010, and on July 7-July 8, 2010.

3. Due to resulting conflicts of the local public hearings schedule with the previously scheduled Settlement Conference, the parties have conferred and agree that

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission also issued an Order of Correction that same date, correcting errors in the addresses of two locations in the previous order.

the procedural schedule established by the Commission's February 16 Order must be revised. Accordingly, the parties respectfully submit a revised proposed procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto. For ease of reference, Exhibit A contains the various remaining components of the existing procedural schedule, reflecting both the existing and proposed dates for each activity.

4. The new dates proposed for the evidentiary hearing reflect a tentative reservation of the dates September 1-3, 2010, should additional hearing dates be necessary. However, the parties are aware that the dates of September 1-2, 2010, are currently reserved for a possible true-up hearing in the Laclede rate case. Should that true-up hearing occur, some parties will not be available on those dates for the continuation of the evidentiary hearing in this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully submits this Joint Motion on behalf of itself and the other parties to Case No. GR-2010-0192, and requests that the Commission address this issue as soon as possible so that the parties and their respective witnesses can plan accordingly.

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 5th day of May, 2010.

**/s/ Robert S. Berlin**

**Proposed Revisions to Procedural Schedule**

	<b><u>Existing Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Dates</u></b>
Revenue Requirement Direct	June 4, 2010	<b>June 4, 2010</b>
Rate Design Direct	June 18, 2010	<b>June 18, 2010</b>
Preliminary Reconciliation (not filed)	June 22, 2010	<b>June 22, 2010</b>
Local Public Hearings (Per Order)		<b>June 29-July 1, 2010 July 7-July 8, 2010</b>
Settlement Conference (This is an informal conference among the Parties and will not be “on-the-record”)	June 29-July 2, 2010	<b>July 12-15, 2010</b>
Rebuttal (all issues, simultaneous)	July 16, 2010	<b>July 23, 2010</b>
List of Issues; List of Witnesses; Order Of Witnesses, Order of Parties for Cross-Examination, Order of Opening Statements	July 30, 2010	<b>August 6, 2010</b>
Simultaneous Surrebuttal	August 6, 2010	<b>August 13, 2010</b>
Reconciliation	August 10, 2010	<b>August 16, 2010</b>
Position Statements	August 13, 2010	<b>August 18, 2010</b>
Joint Stipulation of Non-contested Material Facts	August 13, 2010	<b>August 18, 2010</b>
Evidentiary Hearing	August 18-27, 2010	<b>August 23-27, 2010 August 30-31, 2010 (Reserve Sept. 1-3)</b>
Transcripts due	September 3, 2010	<b>September ?, 2010</b>
Simultaneous Post-Hearing Briefs	September 28, 2010	<b>Oct. ?, 2010</b>
Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law	September 28, 2010	<b>Oct. ?, 2010</b>

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