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

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In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing

Case No. GR-2010-0238 Tariff No. JG-2010-0499

## **ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES**

Issue Date: February 24, 2010

Effective Date: March 1, 2010

**Syllabus**: This order approves Atmos Gas Corporation's (hereafter "Atmos") tariff that increases the Purchased Gas Adjustment rate.

On February 16, Atmos filed a tariff sheet that bears an effective date of March 1.<sup>1</sup> The tariff sheet reflects a Filing Adjustment Factor (FAF) to lessen the amount of under-recovery which may otherwise occur before Atmos' next ACA filing. The amount of the FAF is \$0.05 for the Atmos West Area and the Atmos Northeast Area. The Southeast Area and the Kirksville area PGAs will remain unchanged.

On February 22, the Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheet for service on and after March 1, as an interim rate, subject to refund.

Staff states that Laclede's proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with its PGA clause. Staff further states that Atmos' PGA clause allows for 10 business days' notice for filings reflecting PGA changes, and that good cause exists to approve the proposed tariff sheets on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets to become effective March 1, on an interim basis,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all calendar references are to 2009.

subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in this case and in Atmos' other Actual Cost Adjustment cases, which are: GR-2009-0417 and GR-2008-0364.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's Recommendation. The Commission finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the company's Commission-approved PGA clause and is, therefore, reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of March 1, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheet filed on February 16, 2010, by Atmos Gas Corporation, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after March 1, 2010. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 44, Canceling 9<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 44

2. This order shall become effective on March 1, 2010.

## **BY THE COMMISSION**

Steven C. Reed Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

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