

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 29th day
of December, 2005.

In the Matter of the Application of Atmos Energy)
Corporation to Modify its Approved Cast Iron Main)
and Unprotected Steel Main Replacement Program.)

Case No. GO-2006-0253

**ORDER MODIFYING CAST IRON MAIN AND UNPROTECTED STEEL
MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Issue Date: December 29, 2005

Effective Date: December 31, 2005

In December of 1991, the Commission, at the request of its Staff, issued an order¹ approving United Cities Gas Company's (now Atmos Energy Corporation) pipeline replacement program in Hannibal. The program, which is consistent with 4 CSR 240-40.030(15), requires the company to replace all cast iron mains (190,550 feet) by 2020 and to replace or cathodically protect all unprotected steel mains (111,160 feet) by 2005. Upon a complete review of its records, the company realized that an additional 6,053 feet of unprotected steel main remains to be replaced or protected.

On December 13, 2005, the company filed an application to extend the 2005 deadline to 2010. By filing its application only 18 days prior to the deadline, the company has not allowed adequate time for meaningful Commission review. Therefore, rather than grant the application, the Commission will modify the original deadline while reviewing the

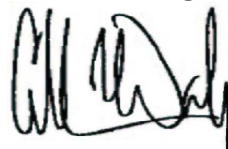
¹ Case No. GO-91-276.

circumstances surrounding the main replacement program. The Commission will also direct its Data Center to place a copy of this order in Case No. GO-91-276.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the 2005 deadline, as set forth in Commission Case No. GO-91-276, for the replacement of Atmos Energy Corporation's steel mains in Hannibal, Missouri, is extended from December 31, 2005 to March 1, 2006.
2. That the Commission's Data Center shall place a copy of this order in Case No. GO-91-276.
3. That this order shall become effective on December 31, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton,
and Appling, CC., concur.

Jones, Regulatory Law Judge