

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be) **Case No. GR-2005-0311, et al.**
Audited in Its 2004-2005 Actual Cost Adjustment)

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: March 22, 2006

Effective Date: March 22, 2006

On March 21, 2006, Atmos Energy Corporation filed a Motion for Protective Order. Atmos requests that the Commission issue its standard protective order to protect highly confidential and proprietary financial information from disclosure during these proceedings.

Upon review of Atmos' motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission notes that a protective order was issued in Case No. GR-2006-0179 before that case was consolidated into this case. Arguably, that protective order continues to be in effect for the consolidated case. However, to avoid any possible confusion or question, the Commission will again issue the requested protective order in this case.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. This order shall become effective on March 22, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of March, 2006.