

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

In the Matter of the Application of Atmos Energy)
Corporation for a Variance and Waiver from the)
Provisions of 4 CSR 240-3.235.)

File No. GE-2009-0443

ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 20, 2009

Effective Date: August 20, 2009

This case is currently set for hearing on August 25 and 26, 2009. On August 19, 2009, the Office of the Public Counsel and Atmos Energy Corporation filed a joint motion to suspend the procedural schedule. OPC and Atmos advise that they have continued negotiations and believe they have reached a resolution in settlement of the issues in this case. They anticipate filing a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement that should resolve this matter and request that the procedural schedule be suspended. OPC and Atmos have confirmed that the Commission Staff does not object to this request.

The Commission will grant the joint motion. The Commission will also establish a date for OPC and Atmos to file either their stipulation and agreement or a status report.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Joint Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule filed by the Office of the Public Counsel and Atmos Energy Corporation is granted.
2. The August 20, 2009 procedural filing date and the hearing scheduled for August 25 and 26, 2009, are suspended.

3. No later than September 15, 2009, the Office of the Public Counsel and Atmos Energy Corporation shall file either their stipulation and agreement or a status report on the progress of their negotiations.

4. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of August, 2009.