

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GR-2009-0417 File No. YG-2010-0284
Atmos Energy Corporation

FROM: Thomas M. Imhoff, Energy Department – Tariffs/Rate Design

/s/ Thomas M. Imhoff 10/23/09 /s/ Lera Shemwell 10/23/09
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Atmos Energy Corporation's Winter PGA Filing
Effective November 1, 2009

DATE: October 23, 2009

On October 15, 2009, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company) of Owensboro, Kentucky, filed a tariff sheet requesting an effective date of November 1, 2009. This tariff sheet was filed to reflect changes in the Atmos PGA factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming Winter and changes in the ACA factor. The Winter includes the months of November through March. Atmos requests that the tariff sheets go into effect on November 1, 2009.

For the Atmos West Area - Butler District served by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (PEPL), including the cities of Butler and Harrisonville, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA rate for the 2009/2010 Winter to \$0.40375 per Ccf (100 cubic feet) from the current, firm PGA factor of \$0.34860 per Ccf. This represents a \$0.05515 per Ccf increase.

For the Atmos West Area - Rich Hill / Hume District, served by the Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline Company (SSC) the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA rate for the 2009/2010 Winter to \$0.39615 per Ccf from the current, firm PGA factor of \$0.34860 per Ccf. This represents a \$0.04755 per Ccf increase.

For the Atmos Kirksville Area, served by the ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), including the cities of Kirksville and Lancaster, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factors for the 2009/2010 Winter to \$0.49901 per Ccf from the current, firm PGA factor of \$0.49080 per Ccf. This represents a \$0.00821 per Ccf increase.

For the Atmos Northeast Area (Hannibal, Canton, Bowling Green and Palmyra or Combined District) served by the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, the effect of these changes is to decrease the firm PGA factors for the 2009/2010 Winter to \$0.42070 per Ccf from the current, firm PGA factor of \$0.4513 per Ccf. This represents a \$0.0306 per Ccf decrease.

For the Atmos Southeast Area - SEMO District, served by the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Texas Eastern Pipeline Company, Mississippi River Transmission, and Ozark Gas Transmission, including the cities of Jackson, Charleston, New Madrid, Caruthersville, and Kennett, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factors for the 2009/2010 Winter to \$0.53984 per Ccf from the current, firm PGA factor of \$0.48410 per Ccf. This represents a \$0.05574 per Ccf increase.

For Atmos' Southeast Area - Neelyville District, served by the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factors for the 2009/2010 Winter to \$0.53984 per Ccf from the current, firm PGA factor of \$0.48410 per Ccf. This represents a \$0.05574 per Ccf increase.

Case No. GR-2009-0417, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2008-2009 ACA filing. Case Nos. GR-2007-0403 and GR-2008-0364 were established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 ACA filings respectively. This rate change should be on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2008-0364, GR-2007-0403 and GR-2009-0417.

Due to the limited time available to review the documentation supporting the ACA factor represented in this filing, the Procurement Analysis Department (PAD) has requested permission to submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in this ACA filing to the Commission on or before December 31, 2010.

Staff has verified that this company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

Staff has reviewed this filing and has determined that it was calculated in conformance with AmerenUE's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty (30) days notice is demonstrated by AmerenUE's Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheet be approved, interim subject to refund:


BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Atmos Energy)
Corporation's Staff Recommendation for)
the Winter PGA's filing.) Case No. GR-2009-0417

AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS M. IMHOFF

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE)

Thomas M. Imhoff, of lawful age, on oath states: that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Thomas M. Imhoff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of October, 2009.



Notary Public

