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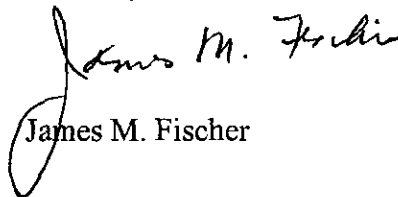
RE: *Atmos Energy Corporation/Arkansas Western Gas, d/b/a Associated Natural Gas Company, Case No. GM-2000-312*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and fourteen (14) copies of Atmos/ANG's Motion for Extension of Time to File Rebuttal Testimony. A copy of the foregoing has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

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Enclosure(s)

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

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In the matter of the Joint Application of Atmos)
Energy Corporation and Arkansas Western Gas)
Company, d/b/a Associated Natural Gas)
Company, for an order authorizing the sale and)
transfer of certain assets of Associated)
Natural Gas Company located in Missouri to)
Atmos Energy Corporation and either)
authorizing the transfer of existing)
Certificates of Public Convenience and)
Necessity or granting a New Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to Atmos Energy)
Corporation in conjunction with same.)

Case No. GM-2000-312

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

COME NOW Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") and Arkansas Western Gas Company, d/b/a Associated Natural Gas Company ("ANG") (collectively "Joint Applicants") by and through their counsel, and, for their Motion for Extension of Time to File Surrebuttal Testimony, hereby state as follows:

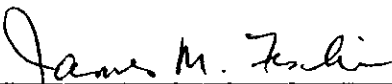
1. On March 9, 2000, a prehearing conference was held in this matter. As a result of discussions among the parties at the prehearing conference, significant progress was made in resolving or otherwise narrowing the issues in the case.

2. Pursuant to the Commission's Order Adopting Procedural Schedule issued on December 20, 1999, surrebuttal testimony is scheduled to be filed on March 15, 2000. In order to give the parties additional time to pursue settlement discussions in this matter, the Joint Applicants hereby request a one-week extension of time to file surrebuttal testimony. If approved, surrebuttal testimony would be due on Wednesday, March 22, 2000.

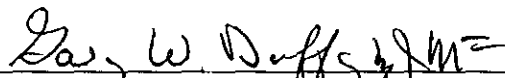
3. The Commission Staff, Public Counsel, IBEW and Noranda have indicated that they do not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Applicants respectfully request the Commission to issue its Order granting an extension time to file surrebuttal testimony until March 22, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, by U.S. Mail, First Class, postage prepaid, this 10th day of March 2000, to:

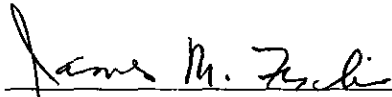
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