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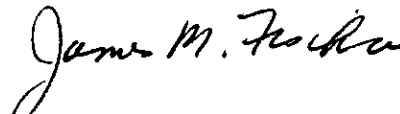
RE: *In the Matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's Tariff Revision Designed to Increase Rates for Gas Service to Customers in the Missouri Service Area of the Company, Case No. GR-97-272*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of Atmos Energy Corporation's Motion for Fourth Extension of Time to File Briefs. A copy of the foregoing Motion has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to each party of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

/jr
Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
Dana K. Joyce, General Counsel
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's)
Tariff Revision Designed to Increase Rates for Gas)
Service to Customers in the Missouri Service Area)
of the Company.)

Case No. GR-97-272

**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S MOTION
FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEFS**

COMES NOW Atmos Energy Corporation (hereinafter "Atmos") and for its Motion For Fourth Extension Of Time To File Briefs states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On February 14, 2002, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing in which the parties "shall, on or before Monday, March 25, 2002, prepare and file briefs regarding whether or not this matter has become moot due to intervening circumstances and must therefore be dismissed." The Order Directing Filing also stated that Atmos may file a brief on this issue as well.

2. On March 18, Atmos moved for a 30-day extension of the deadline to file briefs and advised the Commission that all parties had been consulted and that none opposed the extension. On March 26, 2002, the Commission granted this motion. On April 22, 2002, Atmos on behalf of the parties to this proceeding, requested a further extension of the deadline to May 15. This request was granted on April 29, 2002. On May 13, 2002, Atmos again on behalf of the parties, requested another extension of the deadline to June 15, 2002. This request was granted on May 17, 2002.

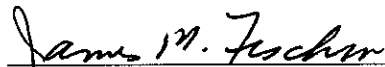
3. While Atmos is somewhat reluctant to ask for an additional extension, Atmos believes, as a matter of judicial economy and in order to save the various parties

the time and expense of preparing their respective briefs at this time, it is appropriate to file this motion. The purpose of this motion is to request a further extension on the date for filing briefs by all parties, in order to give Atmos and Noranda additional time to finalize contract discussions that have been ongoing for several weeks. Atmos and Noranda continue to believe that they are close to being able to sign a contract which would resolve issues between Atmos and Noranda, and should make it unnecessary for the Commission to issue any further orders in this proceeding. In order to ensure that there will be sufficient time to complete these contract discussions, Atmos requests that the deadline for filing the briefs be extended to August 15, 2002.

4. All parties to the case have been contacted regarding this request, and all parties either support this request or have no objection.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, Atmos respectfully requests the Commission to issue its order extending the date to file briefs by all parties until August 15, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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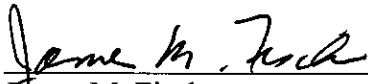
I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, this 10th day of June, 2002, to:

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