BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of Atmos) Energy Corporation for an order) authorizing it to acquire the business of) TXU Gas Company)

Case No.

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Comes now Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), by and through its undersigned counsel, and respectfully requests expedited treatment in the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") review and approval of the Application filed in this matter concurrently herewith. In support of their Motion, Atmos respectfully states:

1. As specifically set forth in the Application filed in this matter (the allegations and statements contained in the Joint Application are incorporated herein by reference), Atmos respectfully requests that the Commission act expeditiously to grant the authority and relief requested in the Application as soon as practicable, to be effective no later than September 30, 2004, if possible.

2. If requisite regulatory approvals are obtained by September 30, 2004, Atmos and TXU Gas intend to complete the transactions proposed in the Application to be effective as soon as practicable thereafter.

3. Potential harm to the stockholders of Atmos and TXU Gas will be avoided by an expeditious regulatory approval of the proposed merger so that the transaction may be closed in a timely manner. In addition, since the transaction is not expected to affect Atmos' Missouri operations, the expedited approval of the proposed merger, as requested, will have no negative impacts upon Atmos' Missouri customers or the general public.

4. This Motion was filed as soon as it could have been since it is being filed concurrently with the original Application that requested approval of the proposed merger.

WHEREFORE, Atmos Energy Corporation respectfully requests the Commission to grant its Motion for Expedited Treatment and to grant the authority and relief requested in the Application as soon as practicable, effective no later than September 30, 2004, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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