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

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In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Tariff Revision Designed to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service in the Missouri Service Area of the Company.

Case No. GR-2010-0192

## PUBLIC COUNSEL'S DESIGNATION OF EXPERT WITNESS

**COMES NOW** the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel and in response to the Commission's Order Setting On-The-Record Proceeding states:

1. Public Counsel witness Ms. Barbara Meisenheimer will be available during the August 17, 2010 on-the-record proceeding to answer questions. Ms. Meisenheimer's professional background is as follows:

Ms. Meisenheimer holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from the University of Missouri-Columbia and has completed the qualifying and comprehensive exams for a Ph.D. in Economics from the same institution. Her two areas of emphasis are Quantitative Economics and Industrial Organization with an outside emphasis in Statistics.

Ms. Meisenheimer has been with the Office of the Public Counsel since January 1996. She has testified on economic issues and policy issues in the areas of telecommunications, gas, electric, water and sewer. Ms. Meisenheimer's testimony has addressed class cost of service, rate design, miscellaneous tariff issues, low-income and conservation programs and revenue requirement issues related to the development of class revenues,

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billing units, low-income program costs, incentive programs and fuel cost recovery. Ms. Meisenheimer testified in Atmos Energy rate cases, Case No. GR-2010-0192 and Case No. GR-2006-0387. Ms. Meisenheimer also testified in the last Associated Natural Gas rate case, Case No. GR-97-272.

During the past 14 years, Ms. Meisenheimer has taught courses for the University of Missouri-Columbia, William Woods University, and Lincoln University. She currently teaches undergraduate and graduate level economics courses and an undergraduate course in statistics for William Woods University.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully offers this response designating Ms. Meisenheimer as an expert witness that will be available for questions during the August 17, 2010 on-the-record presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

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