

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

In the matter of the Atmos Energy Corporation's)	
Motion for Expedited Approval Of A)	
Tariff Authorizing an Experimental Pilot)	Case No.
Estimated Meter Reading Program.)	

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF TARIFF

COMES NOW Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") by and through its counsel, and for its Motion For Expedited Approval Of Tariff, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), and requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") expedite the approval of its tariffs, for good cause shown, and permit the Company to make effective as soon as possible, its 1st Revised Sheet No. 195.1 which implements its Experimental Pilot Estimated Meter Reading Program. In support thereof, Atmos respectfully state as follows:

1. Atmos is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Texas and the Commonwealth of Virginia with its principal place of business located at Three Lincoln Center, Suite 1800, 5430 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240. Atmos is a "gas corporation" and a "public utility" pursuant to Section 386.020(18) and (42), RSMo 2000, and has been granted Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to provide natural gas service within the state of Missouri. A certified copy of Atmos' Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are on file in the records of the Commission and the same are incorporated herein by reference. See Re: Atmos Energy Corporation, Case No. GM-94-6. (Application, Exhibits C and D). The Company's Certificate to Conduct Business in Missouri as a Foreign Corporation was attached to its Application in Case No. GM-2002-295 and incorporated herein by reference.

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3. The Commission previously approved Original Sheet No. 195.1 which authorized the Company to estimate meter readings during the month of September, 2005, as part of a pilot program to determine if estimated meter readings bi-monthly would be feasible and accepted by the Company's customers. During this trial period during September, 2005, the Company's estimated meter readings were widely accepted by the customers without any significant level of complaints. In fact, out of 58,136 meters that were estimated, there were only 9 informal concerns expressed by the Company's customers statewide. In addition, there were substantial efficiencies made possible for the Company, as more fully described below.

4. Concurrent with the filing of this Motion, Atmos is also filing its 1st Revised Sheet No. 195.1 which extends this program and authorizes an Experimental Pilot Estimated

Meter Reading Program which allows the Company to estimate meter readings during the months of June and August in each year until the effective date of rates approved by the Commission in the Company's first general rate case filed after January 1, 2007. Under the terms of the tariff, Staff and Public Counsel may petition the Commission at any time to suspend or terminate the experimental program for good cause.

5. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), the Company states that the benefits that will accrue if the experimental program is approved on an expedited basis will include the following:

Benefits of Experimental Program

Natural gas usage during the summer months remains about the same every year because there is no heat load. Instead of having the meter readers read the meters in every summer month, these personnel can better utilized in many other functions. Some of these are:

1. Meter reading is normally an entry level function and the Company can use the months that the bills are estimated to cross train the meter readers so that they can move into more advanced positions.
2. Our construction load increases in the summer. This is the time of the year that the Company is able to do more maintenance plus the fact that there is more building construction going on. Meter readers give the Company additional manpower in the construction crews so that more can be done.
3. With the additional construction (home building, streets and road construction) going on in the summer, the demands upon Company personnel for locating gas lines increases. The Company will use meter readers to help in this function.
4. Lastly, meter readers are encouraged to take vacations during non-read dates so that other critical personnel are not pulled to read meters. This also helps keep experienced meter readers reading (who have the greatest accuracy) and not other personnel that may not be as accurate.

To maximize the potential benefits of this program, the Company would request that the tariff be approved as soon as practical. There will be no negative effect on the customers or the general

public if the commission acts by the date desired. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been.

WHEREFORE, Atmos Energy Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order Approving Tariff on an Expedited Basis allowing the Company's 1st Revised Sheet No. 195.1 to become effective as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, by U.S. Mail, First Class, this 6th day of June, 2006, to:

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