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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Uncertified Copy: Thomas M. Byrne 720 Olive Street St. Louis, Mo 63101

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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 Case No. GM-2000-312 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.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

On March 10, 2000, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) and Arkansas Western Gas Company, d/b/a Associated Natural Gas Company (ANG), filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Surrebuttal Testimony. Atmos and ANG request that the procedural schedule be modified to make surrebuttal testimony due on March 22, rather than March 15. Atmos and ANG request the additional time to allow the parties to further pursue settlement discussions. Atmos and ANG's motion also indicates that the other parties do not oppose this request.

The Commission has considered Amos and ANG's motion and concludes that extending the time for filing surrebuttal testimony is appropriate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That the Motion for Extension of Time to File Surrebuttal
 Testimony is granted.
- 2. That surrebuttal testimony shall be filed by all parties on March 22, 2000, by 3:00 p.m.
- 3. That the List of Issues shall be filed by Staff on March 22, 2000, by 3:00 p.m.
 - 4. That this order shall become effective on March 22, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 13th day of March, 2000.

STATE OF MISSOURI OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 13^{th} day of March 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge