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

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Purchased)
Gas Adjustment to be Reviewed in its 1999-2000)
Actual Cost Adjustment) **Case No. GR-2000-573**

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

On November 1, 2001, the Commission's Staff filed its recommendation and memorandum presenting seven financial adjustments affecting three of the operating districts of Atmos Energy Corporation as part of Staff's review of the Corporation's 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing. Staff's adjustments also take into account the sale of Associated Natural Gas Company's assets to Atmos.

Staff also recommends that Atmos be required to provide certain additional information by February 28, 2002, related to the Corporation's planning, assumptions and preparation to serve its end user customers prudently. Staff asked that the Commission order Atmos to respond within 30 days. The Commission assumes that Staff requires this information to be presented in a report directly to Staff.

A response from Atmos will inform the Commission what matters are contested between the parties. Therefore, the Commission will direct Atmos to respond.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Atmos Energy Corporation shall respond to the recommendations for necessary financial adjustments and corresponding actions presented by Staff within 30 days of the issue date of this order.
2. That Atmos Energy Corporation shall respond and state whether it accepts the recommendation by Staff that it report certain additional information by February 28, 2002.
3. That this order shall become effective on November 17, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of November, 2001.

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 7th day of Nov. 2001.





Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge