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RE: Case No. GM-2000-312

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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

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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)
Energy Corporation and Either)
Authorizing the Transfer of Existing)
Certificates of Public Convenience and)
Necessity or Granting New Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity to)
Atmos Energy Corporation in Conjunction)
with Same.

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Case No. GM-2000-312

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW the undersigned parties to this proceeding, and respectfully state as follows:

1. On November 2, 1999, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") and Arkansas Western Gas Company, d/b/a Associated Natural Gas Company ("ANG"), hereinafter collectively to be known as "the Applicants," filed their Joint Application, requesting Commission approval of the sale to Atmos of the Missouri assets of ANG along with the attendant authorizations to enable the Applicants to carry out the purpose of said sale.

2. On November 8, 1999, the Commission issued its Order and Notice, in which it set an intervention deadline of November 29, 1999.

3. Applications to Intervene were timely filed by Noranda Aluminum, Inc., by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 1439, and by the Cities of Appleton City, Campbell and Malden.

4. On December 1, 1999, in its Order Granting Intervention, Setting a Prehearing Conference and Directing Filing of a Procedural Schedule, the Commission granted all five requests to intervene. In addition, the Order set a prehearing conference for 10:00 a.m. on December 15, 1999, and required that the parties file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 22, 1999.

5. On December 15, 1999, the parties attended a prehearing conference at which the following proposed procedural schedule was agreed to.

Procedural Schedule

Direct testimony (Applicants only)	January 14, 2000
Rebuttal testimony (all other parties)	March 3, 2000
Surrebuttal/Cross-Surrebuttal testimony (all parties)	March 17, 2000
Statement of the Issues (list and order of witnesses)	March 23, 2000
Statement of Positions on the Issues (each party)	March 30, 2000
Evidentiary Hearing	April 4-5, 2000

WHEREFORE, the parties recommend that the Commission issue an order adopting the Procedural Schedule proposed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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