

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 4, 2002**

CASE NO: GM-2002-295

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

In the Matter of the Application of Atmos Energy)
Corporation for an Order Authorizing it to Merge) **Case No. GM-2002-295**
with Mississippi Valley Gas Company)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On December 20, 2001, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to merge with and acquire the outstanding shares of Mississippi Valley Gas Company. Due to the proposed timetable for the transaction, Atmos has requested the Commission's action on its application by February 28, 2002.

In order to allow time for the Commission's consideration of the recommendation by the Commission's Staff and a response from other parties, the Commission will provide filing deadlines. The Staff will be ordered to file its recommendation no later than February 14, 2002. Any filing concerning the application or the Staff recommendation by the Office of the Public Counsel or any other party shall be filed by February 21, 2002. If additional time is required, Staff shall promptly file a motion requesting an extension.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation concerning the application of Atmos Energy Corporation no later than February 14, 2002.

2. That the Office of the Public Counsel and any other party wishing to respond to the application or the Staff recommendation shall do so no later than February 21, 2002.

3. That this order shall become effective on January 4, 2002.

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 4th day of January, 2002.

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 4th day of Jan. 2002 .

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

