## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's	)
Tariff Revision Designed to Increase Rates for Gas	) <u>Case No. GR-97-272</u>
Service to Customers in the Missouri Service Area	)
of the Company.	, )

## ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On February 14, 2002, the Commission by order directed the parties, and also invited Atmos Energy Corporation, which is not a party, to "prepare and file briefs regarding whether or not this matter has become moot due to intervening circumstances and must therefore be dismissed." The deadline set by the Commission was March 25, 2002. On March 26, at the motion of Atmos, the Commission extended this deadline to April 25. Now, on April 22, Atmos has again requested an extension, this time to May 15. Once again, Atmos advises the Commission that all parties have been consulted and that none objects. Consequently, the motion shall be granted.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Atmos Energy Corporation's Motion for Second Extension of Time to file Briefs, filed on April 22, 2002, is granted.
- 2. That the parties shall, on or before May 15, 2002, prepare and file briefs regarding whether or not this matter has become moot due to intervening circumstances and must therefore be dismissed.
- 3. That Atmos Energy Corporation, although not a party to this case, may also prepare and file a brief as described in Ordered Paragraph 2, above.

4. That this order shall become effective on April 29, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of April, 2002.