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RE: Case No. GR-2000-573

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF NOTICE**.

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 MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of Atmos Energy)
Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment)
Factors to be Reviewed in its 1999-2000)
Actual Cost Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-2000-573

STAFF NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and respectfully states as follows:

1. On June 1, 2000, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"), pursuant to a Commission-approved Unanimous Stipulation And Agreement in Case No. GM-2000-312, became the owner and operator of the Missouri properties of Associated Natural Gas Company ("ANG"), a division of Arkansas Western Gas Company.

2. On October 17, 2001, the parties filed a Settlement Agreement And Release involving the instant case as well as the four prior Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") cases. That agreement was subsequently modified, and on November 2, 2001, the parties filed the First Amended Settlement Agreement And Release ("Agreement"), which was approved by a Commission order, dated November 27, 2001. The Agreement resolves the ACA audit for the 1999-2000 time period only as to ANG. As it pertains to the instant case, the Agreement separates the time period relating to ANG's natural gas purchasing practices and operations in Missouri (*i.e.* September 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000) from the time period relating to the gas purchasing practices and operations of Atmos (*i.e.*, June 1, 2000 through August 31, 2000).

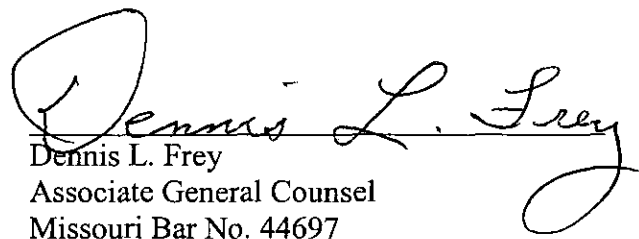
3. On November 1, 2001, the Staff filed its Recommendation regarding Atmos's obligation under the Agreement. Atmos filed its Response to the Staff Recommendation on December 6, 2001.

4. On January 22, 2002, ANG filed a Report Of ANG Concerning Compliance With First Amended Settlement Agreement And Release And Request For Issuance Of Orders ("Compliance Report").

5. At a prehearing conference, held on January 23, 2002, pursuant to a December 31, 2001 Commission order, the Staff informed the presiding regulatory law judge that it had not had an opportunity to review the Compliance Report. The judge then requested that the Staff, following a review, file a pleading indicating its response to the Compliance Report. Having reviewed ANG's Compliance Report, the Staff hereby states that it has no objection to the report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 29th day of January 2002.

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