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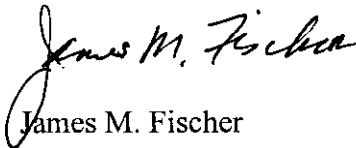
RE: Associated Natural Gas Company's Rate Case Remand, Case No. GR-97-272

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is an original and eight (8) copies of Atmos Energy Corporation's Motion For Second Extension of Time To File Briefs. This pleading has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
Dana K. Joyce
All parties of record

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

In the Matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's)
Tariff Revision Designed to Increase Rates for Gas)
Service to Customers in the Missouri Service Area)
of the Company.)

Case No. GR-97-272

**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S MOTION
FOR SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE BRIEFS**

COMES NOW Atmos Energy Corporation (hereinafter "Atmos") and for its Motion For Second Extension Of Time To File Briefs states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On February 14, 2002, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing in which the parties "shall, on or before Monday, March 25, 2002, prepare and file briefs regarding whether or not this matter has become moot due to intervening circumstances and must therefore be dismissed." The Order Directing Filing also stated that Atmos may file a brief on this issue as well.

2. On March 18, Atmos moved for a 30-day extension of the deadline to file briefs and advised the Commission that all parties had been consulted and that none opposed the extension. On March 26, 2002, the Commission granted this motion.

3. The purpose of this pleading is to request a three-week extension on the date for filing briefs by all parties, in order to give the parties additional time to discuss the mootness issue and certain contractual matters between Atmos and Noranda. If granted, the briefs would be due on May 15, 2002.

4. All parties to the case have been contacted regarding this request, and all parties either support this request or have no objection.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

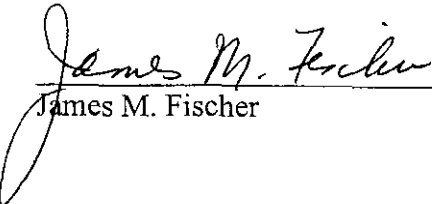
I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, this 22nd day of April, 2002, to:

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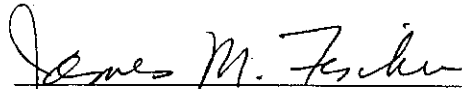
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WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, Atmos respectfully requests the Commission to issue its order extending the date to file briefs by all parties until May 15, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James M. Fischer", is written over a horizontal line.

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