

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Tariff)
Revision Designed to Consolidate Rates and)
Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas) **Case No. GR-2006-0387**
Service in the Missouri Service Area of the Company.)

**MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO EXCEED
THIRTY-PAGE LIMITATION FOR POST-HEARING BRIEF**

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or "Company"), by and through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.080 and 4 CSR 240-2.140(1), submits its Motion for Permission to Exceed Thirty-Page Limitation for Post-Hearing Brief and respectfully states as follows:

1. Simultaneously herewith, and in accordance with the Commission's *Order Concerning Test Year and True-Up and Adopting Procedural Schedule with Modifications and Order Granting Motion To Extend Filing Date*, issued in this matter on June 2, 2006 and January 4, 2007, respectively, Atmos is filing its Post-Hearing Brief and separate Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

2. At the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing conducted in this matter, the Presiding Officer confirmed that such briefs would be subject to a thirty-page limitation, but also acknowledged that parties needing more than thirty pages could ask permission to exceed that limitation. "I did order a 30-page page limit. If anyone believes that they need more than 30 pages, they're welcome to ask permission to file a larger Brief. I assure you that I will be fairly lenient in those requests." (Tr. 729).

3. While striving to meet the thirty-page limitation, the attached Post-Hearing Brief exceeds such limitation by a mere eight pages. Given the complexity of

this major rate case (the first ever filed in Missouri by Atmos) and the critical issues addressed herein, Atmos submits that granting permission to exceed the page limitation as requested is fair and reasonable under the circumstances. Undersigned counsel has previously advised counsel for the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel that this motion would be filed.

WHEREFORE, Atmos respectfully requests that the Commission grant permission to Atmos to exceed the thirty-page limitation for post-hearing briefs, and accept its Post-Hearing Brief that is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed, First Class mail, postage prepaid, this 19th day of January, 2007, to all counsel of record in this matter.



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