

**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)	<u>Case No. GR-2006-0387</u>
Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas)	
Service in the Missouri Service Area of the Company.)	

**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S
RESPONSE TO STAFF REPLY**

COMES NOW Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or "Company") and, pursuant to the Commission's Order Establishing Deadline For Responses ("Order") issued in this matter on January 6, 2009, submits its Response to Staff Reply and respectfully states as follows:

1. On November 4, 2008, Atmos filed its *Annual Report of Atmos Energy Corporation Regarding the Company's Fixed Delivery Charge Rate Design and its Impact on Energy Efficiency and Conservation*, pursuant to the Commission's directive in its February 22, 2007 Report and Order in this case. On December 4, 2008, the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") filed a response claiming Atmos' filing was not in compliance with the Commission's Report and Order and requesting an investigation. On January 5, 2009, pursuant to the Commission's December 16, 2008 directive, the Staff of the Commission filed its "Staff Reply to Office of the Public Counsel's Response to Atmos Energy Corporation's Annual Report" ("Staff Reply"), wherein the Staff stated that "Staff believes Atmos' filing is in compliance with the Commission's Report and Order," and that "[t]here is no basis for OPC's requested 'investigation.'" (Staff Reply, page 2.)

2. In its January 6 Order, the Commission orders that “[a]ny party wishing to file a surreply to the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission’s January 5, 2009 reply shall file such surreply no later than January 15, 2009.” (Order, page 1.)

3. While not wishing to burden the record regarding this issue, Atmos does want to clarify for the record that it fully supports the Staff Reply and the recommendations contained therein.

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 15th day of January, 2009, to all counsel of record in this matter.

/s/ Larry W. Dority

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