

Exhibit 1

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Base price for Natural Gas

Atmos Energy Hearing, Butler Missouri, July 1, 2010

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I have been gathering data from gas companies serving Missouri and Kansas

The following are the findings of my research for the base price for gas for residential customers:

Atmos Energy Missouri \$19.63 base price not including any gas

And asking to increase rates by \$10.36 to a charge of \$29.99 per month

Empire District Missouri \$16.50 (recently raised from \$9.50)

(Empire serves 46 Missouri Cities including nearby Clinton, Deerfield and Nevada)

LaCygne, Kansas \$15.04 (includes 1000 cubic ft. of gas)

Jamestown, Kansas \$12.71 (includes 1000 cubic ft. of gas)

Kansas Gas Service \$12.25

(KGS serves 166,000 customers including nearby Fort Scott, Kansas)

Osage City, Kansas \$10.00

Eskridge, Kansas \$9.50

Mound Ridge, Kansas \$8.38 (includes 1000 cubic ft. of gas)

Neodesha, Kansas \$8.00

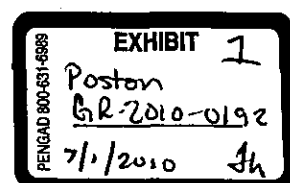
Spear City, Kansas \$7.91

MMU - Missouri Municipal Utility \$7.37

Chanute, Kansas \$6.00

Altamont, Kansas \$6.00 (includes 1000 cubic ft. of gas) (+ a \$4.00 surcharge for up to 4 years which began in 2010 for a gas upgrade to their entire system)

Winfield, Kansas \$4.75



At this time, Atmos Energy charges the Most Expensive rate to have a gas meter for residential customers of all of those I surveyed. Atmos is, at present, prior to any increase, \$3.13 higher than any other Gas Company in Missouri and Kansas in this survey. If you take the average of all of the companies surveyed, Atmos at their present cost with no increase is excessively more expensive at \$9.75 more than the average of all gas companies surveyed. I know it is difficult for many customers to presently pay their bills; ANY increase is going to create a hardship on many more customers. I have to question the necessity for Atmos to require any increase at all and especially the exorbitant increase raising their already high base price of \$19.63 to \$29.99 per month. That means Atmos is asking for more ... in just their increase than most of these gas companies even charge in their base price. This increase of \$10.36 they are asking for, JUST THE INCREASE, again, is higher than the base price of over half of the gas companies in the survey. At this time I would respectfully ask the Commission to NOT approve the increase asked by Atmos. Thank you for your time and Consideration

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