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

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In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Tariff Revision Designed to ) Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service in the Missouri Service Area of the Company.

Case No. GR-2010-0192

## PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO ATMOS **ENERGY CORPORATIONS' FILING MEMORANDUM**

COMES NOW the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel and for its response to the Filing Memorandum filed by Atmos Energy Corporation states:

1. On February 5, 2010, Atmos filed its Filing Memorandum which proposes

a customer notice to send to the Small General Service and Medium General Service customers that would be reclassified under Atmos' proposed rate class redefinitions. The notice is designed to notify the customers that would be reclassified of the proposed reclassification, to notify customers of the new proposed rates, and to notify them of their opportunities to provide comments to the Commission.

2. Public Counsel has no objections to the notice proposed by Atmos provided that the notice also include the following information, which was proposed by the parties in the general notice, but was not included in the draft notice attached to Atmos' Filing Memorandum:

# \*A question-and-answer session will be held one-half hour before the beginning of each hearing.

If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211,email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov, or the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov.

Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing system at <a href="https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html">https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html</a>. If submitting comments, please reference Case/Tracking Number GR-2010-0192.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from August 18-20, 2010 and August 23-27, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully offers this response

to the customer notice proposed by Atmos in its Filing Memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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