

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 26th day of
October, 2011.

In the Matter of Atmos Energy)	
Corporation's 2010-2011 Purchased Gas)	<u>File No. GR-2011-0161</u>
Adjustment and Actual Cost Adjustment)	Tariff No. YG-2012-0165

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Issue Date: October 26, 2011

Effective Date: November 1, 2011

On October 17, 2011, Atmos Energy Corporation filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective November 11, 2011. The tariff sheet reflects a change in Atmos' Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor because of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the 2011-2012 winter season.

Atmos serves four operating areas in Missouri. For the Atmos West Area (WEMO), including Butler, Rich Hill, and Hume, Atmos' filing will decrease the firm PGA rate for the winter season to \$0.53755 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf), from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.58670 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.04915 per Ccf. For the Atmos Northeast Area (NEMO), including Hannibal, Canton, Bowling Green, and Palmyra, Atmos' filing will decrease the firm PGA factor for the winter season to \$0.60233 per Ccf from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.65050 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.04817 per Ccf. For the Atmos Kirksville Area, including Kirksville and Lancaster, Atmos' filing will decrease the firm PGA factor for the winter season to \$0.61637 per Ccf from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.63580 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.01943 per Ccf. For the Atmos Southeast

Area (SEMO), including Jackson, Charleston, New Madrid, Caruthersville, Neelyville, and Kennett, Atmos' filing will decrease the firm PGA factor for the winter season to \$0.61340 per Ccf from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.64490 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.03150 per Ccf.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on October 21. Staff recommends the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this and Atmos' previous ACA cases. Staff also asks to be allowed until December 31, 2012 to submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in Atmos' ACA filing.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to Atmos' Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because Atmos' PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on 10-days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30-days notice. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on November 1, 2011, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this and Atmos' previous ACA cases.¹

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheet filed on October 17, 2011, by Atmos Energy Corporation, assigned Tracking Number YG-2012-0165, and bearing an effective date of November 1, 2011, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final

¹ Atmos' currently pending ACA cases are GR-2008-0364, GR-2009-0417, GR-2010-0238, and GR-2011-0161.

Commission decision in case numbers GR-2008-0364, GR-2009-0417, GR-2010-0238, and GR-2011-0161.

2. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO No. 2
16th Revised Sheet No. 44, Cancels 15th Revised Sheet No. 44

3. Staff's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in Atmos' ACA filing on or before December 31, 2012.

4. This order shall become effective on November 1, 2011.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Gunn, Chm., Davis, Jarrett,
and Kenney, CC., concur.

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge