

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy)	
Corporation's Purchased Gas)	<u>Case No. GR-2012-0129</u>
Adjustment Tariff Filing)	Tariff No. YG-2012-0440

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Recommendation, states as follows:

1. On March 14, 2012, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff To File Recommendation* (Order). That Order directed Staff to file its recommendation regarding Atmos Energy Corporation's (Atmos) proposed tariff sheet filed that same day no later than March 23, 2012.

2. Atmos' proposed tariff sheet reflects downward changes in Atmos' Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season.

3. Staff has reviewed Atmos' proposed tariff sheet and submits its recommendation contained in Staff's Memorandum attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference for all purposes.

4. For reasons more fully explained in its Memorandum, the Staff recommends the Commission approve Atmos' proposed tariff sheet on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2012-0129 and GR-2011-0161.

WHEREFORE, for the above stated reasons, the Staff recommends the Commission approve tariff YG-2012-0440 as filed on March 14, 2012, on an interim subject to refund basis, allowing the tariff to become effective on April 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 22nd day of March 2012.

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