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

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 Territory ) of the Company ) File No. GR-2010-0192 Tariff No. YG-2010-0426

## MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order granting MDNR's Application to Intervene. For its Application, MDNR states as follows:

1. On December 28, 2009, Atmos Energy Corporation submitted to the

Commission a proposed tariff seeking to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service supplied by the Company. By order dated January 6, 2010, the Commission issued its Suspension Order, Notice Order Setting Hearings and Directing Filings. In its January 6, 2010, Order, the Commission established an intervention deadline of January 19, 2010.

2. MDNR, and specifically its Energy Center, is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo.

3. MDNR has an interest different than that of the general public, and its intervention will serve a public interest in that the Energy Center will be looking at the proposed filing from a formal policy and planning perspective as well as looking at the potential impacts on environmental quality. The Energy Center's review also will be in relation to the mandate set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo. The mandate set forth in the statute includes planning for energy resource development; analyzing energy management issues; consulting and cooperating with all state and federal governmental agencies on matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; assessing the potential impacts on environmental quality; and analyzing the potential for increased use of energy alternatives and making recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies.

4. The Department does not have a position on the Company's recommended test year.

5. The Department is uncertain of its position in this matter at this time.

6. Copies of all pleadings, notices, orders and other communications should be sent to undersigned counsel. In addition, please add Mary Ann Young, Legal Counsel, Missouri Energy Center, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, to the service list in the matter. Ms. Young's contact information is: P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City MO 65102; phone: 573-526-7052; fax: 573-526-7553, email: maryann.young@dnr.mo.gov.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-styled matter.

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 e-mailed to all counsel of record this 19th day of January, 2010.

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