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RE: Case No. GR-2001-396

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be)
Reviewed in Its 2000-2001 Actual Cost)
Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-2001-396

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or "Company"), the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and for their proposed procedural schedule, respectfully state as follows:

1. On February 26, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Requiring Filing of Procedural Schedule, wherein the parties were directed to file, no later than March 27, 2001, a proposed procedural schedule to address Atmos's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited in its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA").

2. Pursuant to the Commission's directive, the undersigned parties propose that the following procedural schedule be established:

November 1, 2001	Atmos makes its 2000-2001 ACA books and work papers available to Staff for audit
November 15, 2001	Atmos answers Staff's standard DRs (forty-nine in number)
June 4, 2002	Staff Recommendation
July 2, 2002	Company Response

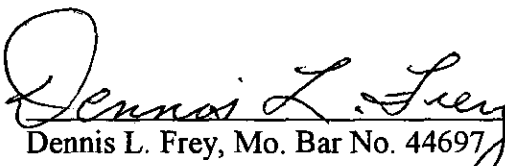
August 6, 2002	Direct Testimony (all parties wishing to file)
September 5, 2002	Rebuttal Testimony (all parties wishing to file)
September 12, 2002	Issues List to be filed
September 19, 2002	Position Statements (all parties)
October 3, 2002	Surrebuttal Testimony (all parties wishing to file)
Oct. 9-11, 2002	Hearing

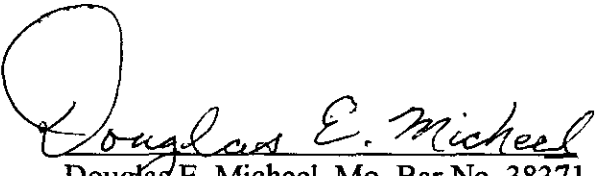
3. The Staff would note its expectation, as a result of the need to prioritize in allocating scarce resources, that the filing of any testimony as well as any hearing in the 1999/2000 Atmos ACA case (Case No. GR-2000-573) will be delayed to coincide with the schedule proposed above, and that ultimately the two cases would be consolidated for hearing purposes.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an order adopting the proposed procedural schedule set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,


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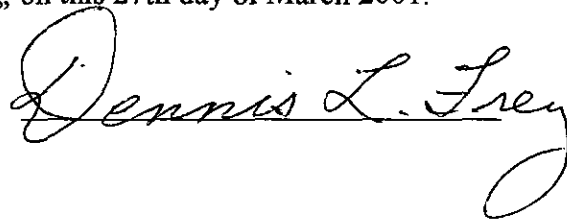
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that the foregoing Proposed Procedural Schedule has been duly served upon all parties of record to this proceeding, on this 27th day of March 2001.



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