

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

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CASE NO: GR-2001-396

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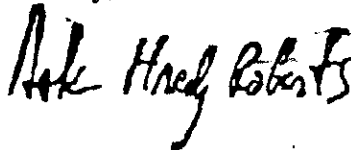
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Atmos Energy	)	
Corporation Purchased Gas Adjustment	)	<u>Case No. GR-2001-396</u>
Factors to be Audited in Its 1999-2000	)	
Actual Cost Adjustment	)	

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On March 27, 2001, Atmos Energy Corporation, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel filed a unanimous proposed procedural schedule. The Commission will adopt the proposed procedural schedule. The following conditions shall be applied to the procedural schedule:

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.130(15), testimony and schedules shall not be filed under seal and treated as proprietary or highly confidential unless the Commission has first established a protective order. Any testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established shall be considered public information.

(C) The parties shall agree upon and the Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. Any issue not included in the issues list will be presumed to not require determination by the Commission.

(D) Each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue, including a summary of the factual and legal points relied on by the party. Such statement shall be simple and concise, shall follow the issues set out in the issues list, and shall not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one. The position statement shall be filed in both paper form and electronically, either on computer disk or by e-mail. Electronically-submitted documents shall be in Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII format. The Regulatory Law Judge's e-mail address is: sregiste@mail.state.mo.us.

(E) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the regulatory law judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(F) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and shall set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(G) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits which they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and all counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is adopted for this proceeding, subject to the conditions discussed above:

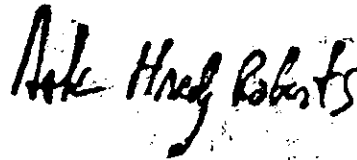
Atmos makes its 2000-2001 ACA books and work available for Staff Audit	November 1, 2001
Atmos answers Staff's Standard Data Requests (49 in number)	November 15, 2001
Staff Recommendation filed	June 4, 2002
Company Response filed	July 2, 2002
Direct Testimony (all parties wishing to file)	August 6, 2002
Rebuttal Testimony (all parties wishing to file)	September 5, 2002
List of Issues to be Heard, Order of Witnesses and Order of Cross-Examination filed	September 12, 2002
Statements of Positions filed	September 19, 2002
Evidentiary Hearing	October 9-11, 2002

2. That the evidentiary hearing shall be held in the Commission's office, Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day.

The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

3. That this order shall become effective on April 16, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of April, 2001.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 6th day of April 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

