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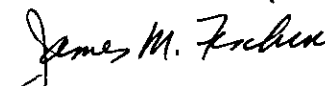
RE: *In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors
to be reviewed in the 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment, Case No. GR-2001-396.*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of Atmos Energy Corporation's Request for Variance from Tariff Provisions. A copy of the Request has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
Dana K. Joyce

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Atmos Energy)
Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment) Case No. GR-2001-396
Factors to be reviewed in Its 2000-2001)
Actual Cost Adjustment)

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM TARIFF PROVISIONS

COMES NOW Atmos Energy Corporation, ("Atmos" or "Company"), by and through its attorney, and requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to grant a variance from the provisions of its tariffs, for good cause shown, and permit Atmos to file an unscheduled Summer Purchased Gas Adjustment change, rather than delaying its next change in the PGA factor until its next scheduled Winter filing. In support of its Request for Variance, Atmos states as follows:

1. Simultaneously with the filing of this Request For Variance, Atmos filed its revised PGA tariff (*i.e.*, 23th Revised Sheet No. 16T canceling 22nd Revised Sheet No. 16T), which was designed to calculate the Total PGA amount to be recovered in the upcoming period. Atmos also filed its supporting workpapers which supported the calculations of the revised PGA factors to be recovered this period under the PGA/ACA process. This filing represents an unscheduled Summer PGA filing. It applies to the Atmos service area previously served by Associated Natural Gas Company.

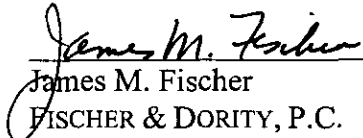
2. Due to recent reductions in natural gas prices, Atmos believes that it is reasonable and appropriate to file an unscheduled Summer PGA filing, reducing the cost of gas. If approved, this filing will: (1) give a more accurate price signal to consumers regarding the current cost of natural gas; and (2) help keep the DCCB and the ACA balances at appropriate

levels and not create significant over-collections or under-collections that would need to be reflected in future periods.

3. In order to ensure that Atmos' procedure is not in conflict with its tariffs, the Company would respectfully request the Commission to grant it a one-time variance from its tariffs to permit it to make an unscheduled Summer PGA filing at this time.

WHEREFORE, Atmos Energy Corporation respectfully requests the Commission to grant it a variance from the provisions of its tariffs, as discussed herein, and permit the Company to make the unscheduled Summer PGA factor change proposed by Company at this time.

Respectfully submitted,


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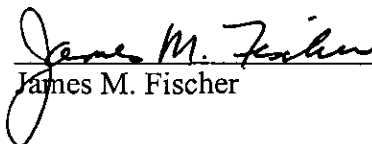
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ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed by First Class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 15th day of June, 2000, to:

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