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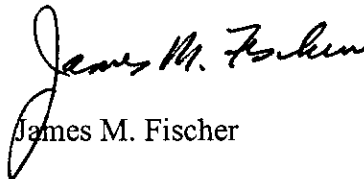
RE: *In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Purchased Gas Cost Recovery, Case No. GW-2001-398.*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of the Application To Intervene filed on behalf of Atmos Energy Corporation, through its United Cities Gas Company and Greeley Gas Company divisions. A copy of the foregoing Application 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  
General Counsel

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**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Atmos Energy Corporation, through its United Cities Gas Company and Greeley Gas Company divisions ("Atmos"), and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 respectfully requests that the Commission grant Atmos the right to intervene and participate in this proceeding. In support of this Application, Atmos states as follows:

1. On January 23, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Creating Case and Establishing Task Force which created this proceeding "to investigate the process for the recovery of natural gas commodity cost increases by LDCs from their customers. A Natural Gas Commodity Price Task Force will be created to investigate and discuss options on this issue." (Order, p. 1) The Commission established an intervention date of February 22, 2001, for expressions of interest by any person or entity which desires to participate in the task force process.

**IDENTITY OF APPLICANT**

2. Atmos is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Texas and the commonwealth of Virginia with its principal place of business located at Three Lincoln Center, Suite 1800, 5430 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240. Atmos is a "gas corporation" and "public utility" pursuant to Sections 386.020(18) and (42) (RSMo. 2000), and has been granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide natural gas service within the state of Missouri.

Atmos conducts all of its utility activities in the state of Missouri through its divisions, Greeley Gas Company and United Cities Gas Company.

3. All correspondence, pleadings, orders and documents in this proceeding should be addressed to:

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4. At this time, Atmos does not have a specific individual that it would designate as its representative in the Task Force process. However, Atmos intends to participate, with the permission of the Commission, by providing legal and/or technical personnel, as necessary to participate in the Task Force process.

**APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN PROCEEDING**

4. Atmos, through its divisions United Cities Gas Company and Greeley Gas Company, have approved tariffs, which include a purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") and actual cost adjustment (ACA) mechanism that are designed to ensure the recovery of gas commodity costs from its customers. The PGA and ACA mechanism may be affected by the outcome of the work of the Task Force created in this matter. As a result, Atmos' interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public. Atmos' participation will aid the Commission in resolving the issues

(ACA) mechanism that are designed to ensure the recovery of gas commodity costs from its customers. The PGA and ACA mechanism may be affected by the outcome of the work of the Task Force created in this matter. As a result, Atmos' interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public. Atmos' participation will aid the Commission in resolving the issues raised in this proceeding. Therefore, Atmos requests the opportunity to intervene and participate in this proceeding in order to monitor the case, and to protect its interests.

WHEREFORE, Atmos Energy Corporation, through its United Cities Gas Company and Greeley Gas Company divisions, respectfully requests the Commission to issue its Order Granting Intervention and Participating in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001, to:

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