

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Application of Atmos)
Energy Corporation for Adjustment of its) Docket No. 26-ATMG-026-RTS
Natural Gas Rates in the State of Kansas.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On July 25, 2025, Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) filed an Application requesting to increase its gross annual revenues by \$19.1 million, resulting in a proposed overall rate of return of 8.20%.¹ Additionally, Atmos is requesting two new tariff changes in its Application: (1) a new Tax Tariff Rider, and (2) minor changes to its Electronic Flow Measurement (“EFM”) equipment²; and approval of a new accounting treatment for Cloud Computing assets.³

2. On August 15, 2025, Atmos, Commission Staff (“Staff”), and the Citizen’s Utility Ratepayer Board (“CURB”) filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule.⁴

3. After reviewing the proposed schedule, and recognizing Atmos’ one-day extension of the 240-day deadline to accommodate the proposed schedule, the Commission adopts the following schedule:

¹ Atmos’ Application, ¶¶ 4-5 (July 25, 2025). Atmos states the requested increase is due primarily to increases in investment, operations and management expenses and cost of capital since its last rate case in Docket No. 23-ATMG-359-RTS. *Id.*, ¶¶ 3, 5.

² *Id.*, ¶ 8.

³ *Id.*, ¶ 9.

⁴ Joint Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule (Aug. 15, 2025).

Action	Date	Time
Affidavit of Mailing, Publication and Electronic Service	Tuesday, November 19, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Public Hearing (KU Edwards Campus, Regnier Hall – 12610 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66213)	Tuesday, December 2, 2025	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Petitions to Intervene Deadline	Tuesday, December 2, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due	Monday, December 8, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Cross-Answering Testimony Due	Monday, December 15, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Atmos Rebuttal Testimony Due	Monday, December 22, 2025	5:00 p.m.
Settlement Conference	Tuesday, January 6, 2026	TBD
Deadline to Submit Settlement Agreement	Friday, January 9, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Deadline to Submit Testimony in Support/Opposition of Settlement Agreement	Wednesday, January 14, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Prehearing Conference (via Zoom)	Thursday, January 15, 2026	9:00 a.m.
Discovery Cutoff	Friday, January 16, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Deadline for Atmos to submit estimate rate case expense to Commission	Tuesday, January 20, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Public Comment Period Ends	Tuesday, January 20, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Deadline to file Exhibits to be used at Evidentiary Hearing	Wednesday, January 21, 2026	5:00 p.m.
PACP Report of Public Comments Due	Friday, January 23, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Evidentiary Hearing (Commission's 1 st Floor Hearing Room, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka)	Monday, January 26 – January 28, 2026	9:00 a.m.
Atmos Initial Brief Due	Monday, February 9, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Staff/Intervenor Brief Due	Monday, February 16, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Atmos Reply Brief Due	Monday, February 23, 2026	5:00 p.m.
Commission Order Due	Tuesday, March 24, 2026	

4. Finding that a prehearing conference is necessary to address any pending matters, to establish procedures to use during the Evidentiary Hearing, and to consider any other prehearing issues that will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding,⁵ the Commission

⁵ K.S.A. 77-517; K.A.R. 82-1-222.

schedules a Prehearing Conference for Thursday, January 15, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The Presiding Officer will preside. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA).⁶ At the Prehearing Conference, this proceeding without further notice may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of the matter as provided by KAPA.⁷

5. An Evidentiary Hearing, with the Commission presiding, will begin on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., and continue, as needed, through Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in the Commission's First Floor Hearing Room, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the KAPA.⁸

6. The Commission plans to hold one public hearing in this Docket on:

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 @ 6 p.m.

KU Edwards Campus, Regnier Hall
12610 Quivira Rd,
Overland Park, KS 66213

The public hearing will be livestreamed on the Commission's website: www.kcc.ks.gov.

7. Notice of the Application, the public hearing and public comment period shall be included in a bill insert with the monthly billing statement for each customer in Atmos' service territory and provided by electronic mail to those customers who receive their bill by electronic mail. One week prior to the public hearing, Atmos should send a reminder via postcard for customers receiving paper bills and by email for customers who receive their bill electronically.

⁶ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

⁷ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7).

⁸ K.S.A. 77-518(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

Atmos' is also required to file an Affidavit confirming notice has been mailed to customers, and provided by electronic mail to customers, who receive their bills by electronic mail.

8. The Commission encourages the public to submit comments concerning this Docket via online at www.kcc.ks.gov, electronic mail, or in writing. The public comment period runs from July 25, 2025 to January 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. On January 23, 2026, Public Affairs and Consumer Protection ("PACP") is directed to file a report summarizing public comments received.

9. Atmos CURB, and PACP shall make information concerning the proceeding accessible to the public through use of their websites. These parties' websites should include links and contact information to enable the public to easily identify how to contact the PACP Office to submit comments and to access filings made in the docket. To the extent practicable, parties are encouraged to include background information explaining this proceeding.

10. The Commission approves the use of electronic service of all testimony, briefs, and orders, without requiring provision of follow-up hard copies as required by K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6). Testimony and briefs must be served electronically by 5:00 p.m., on the date due, without requiring service among the parties of a follow-up hard copy.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 3 is adopted.
- B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁹

⁹ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 08/21/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 08/21/2025.

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