




from KPA that is attached hereto as Exhibit C. The Order Confirmation also identifies the dates on which the legal notices were published in each newspaper.

A copy of the legal notice is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit D. This legal notice was reviewed and approved by the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection prior to publication.

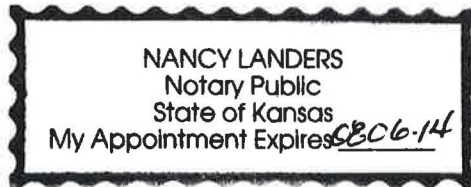
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 02 day of April, 2014.

  
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w006	Anthony Republican <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Anthony KS	\$6.00 \$6.00	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$378.00 \$378.00
w023	Caldwell Messenger <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Caldwell KS	\$4.80 \$4.60	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$289.80 \$289.80
w237	Cedar Vale Lookout <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Winfield KS	\$4.91 \$4.91	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/20/2014 3/27/2014	\$309.33 \$309.33
d06	Chanute Tribune <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Chanute KS	\$10.67 \$10.67	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$672.21 \$672.21
w036	Chase County Leader-News <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Cottonwood KS	\$5.75 \$5.75	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/20/2014 3/27/2014	\$362.25 \$362.25
w041	Coffey County Republican <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Burlington KS	\$10.93 \$10.93	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/18/2014 3/25/2014	\$688.59 \$688.59
w030	Coffeyville Journal <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Coffeyville KS	\$9.67 \$9.67	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$609.21 \$609.21
d12	Council Grove Republican <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Council Grove KS	\$7.80 \$7.80	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$491.40 \$491.40
w060	Eureka Herald <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Eureka KS	\$8.00 \$8.00	5 5	10.5 10.5	52.5 52.5	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$420.00 \$420.00
d17	Fort Scott Tribune <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Fort Scott KS	\$10.25 \$10.25	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$645.75 \$645.75
w065	Gardner News <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Gardner KS	\$20.00 \$20.00	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$1260.00 \$1260.00
w080	Herington Times <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Herington KS	\$10.33 \$10.33	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/20/2014 3/27/2014	\$650.79 \$650.79
w079	Hillsboro Free Press <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Hillsboro KS	\$15.00 \$15.00	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$945.00 \$945.00
d24	Independence Daily Reporter <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Independence KS	\$10.47 \$10.47	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$659.61 \$659.61
d25	Iola Register <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Iola KS	\$11.87 \$11.87	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$747.81 \$747.81



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w102	Kiowa News <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Kiowa KS	\$5.67 \$5.67	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$357.21 \$357.21
w103	Lakin Independent <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Lakin KS	\$5.13 \$5.13	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/20/2014 3/27/2014	\$323.19 \$323.19
d30	Lawrence Journal-World <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Lawrence KS	\$1304.73 \$1304.73	1 1	1 1	1 1	3/18/2014 3/25/2014	\$1304.73 \$1304.73
d32	Leavenworth Times <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Leavenworth KS	\$20.31 \$20.31	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$1279.53 \$1279.53
w240	Legal Record <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Olathe KS	\$180.00 \$180.00	1 1	1 1	1 1	3/18/2014 3/25/2014	\$180.00 \$180.00
w111	Linn County News <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Pleasanton KS	\$8.67 \$8.67	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$546.21 \$546.21
w118	Marion County Record <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Marion KS	\$10.00 \$10.00	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$630.00 \$630.00
w124	Miami County Republic <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Paola KS	\$16.67 \$16.67	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$1050.21 \$1050.21
w024	Montgomery County Chronicle <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Caney KS	\$6.33 \$6.33	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/20/2014 3/27/2014	\$398.79 \$398.79
w132	Neodesha Derrick <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Neodesha KS	\$4.80 \$4.80	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/20/2014 3/27/2014	\$302.40 \$302.40
w133	Ness County News <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Ness City KS	\$4.54 \$4.54	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/20/2014 3/27/2014	\$286.02 \$286.02
d41	Parsons Sun <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Parsons KS	\$13.24 \$13.24	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$834.12 \$834.12
w150	Peabody Gazette-Bulletin <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Peabody KS	\$10.00 \$10.00	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$630.00 \$630.00
d42	Pittsburg Morning Sun <i>Atmos Energy - Public Notice</i>	Pittsburg KS	\$15.30 \$15.30	6 6	10.5 10.5	63 63	3/19/2014 3/26/2014	\$963.90 \$963.90



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w164	Prairie Star	Sedan KS	\$7.33	6	10.5	63	3/19/2014	\$461.79
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w159	Rush County News	LaCrosse KS	\$4.50	6	10.5	63	3/20/2014	\$283.50
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w170	South Haven New Era	Conway KS	\$4.67	5	10.5	52.5	3/18/2014	\$245.18
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w181	Syracuse Journal	Syracuse KS	\$6.00	6	10.5	63	3/19/2014	\$378.00
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w184	Ulysses News	Ulysses KS	\$7.33	6	10.5	63	3/20/2014	\$461.79
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w200	Wilson County Citizen	Fredonia KS	\$6.00	6	10.5	63	3/20/2014	\$378.00
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y018	World Company Weeklies Combo	Lawrence KS	\$641.00	1	1	1	3/20/2014	\$641.00
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w202	Wyandotte Echo	Kansas City KS	\$10.00	6	10.5	63	3/20/2014	\$630.00
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Affidavit of Mailing, Publication and Electronic Service was served by electronic service on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2014, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies.

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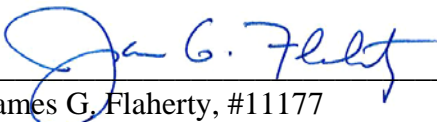
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