

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Thomas E. Wright
 Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Application of Atmos)
Energy for Adjustment of its Natural Gas Rates) Docket No. 14-ATMG-320-RTS
in the State of Kansas.)

SUSPENSION ORDER

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On January 9, 2014, Atmos Energy (Atmos) filed an Application requesting Commission approval for changes to rates and the addition of a regulatory asset.

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states: "The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date."

3. Commission Staff has reviewed the Application and determined that this proceeding will require a full procedural schedule which could include testimony and a hearing. Absent suspension of the effectiveness of the rates and terms proposed in the Application,

Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the requested rates and terms are just and reasonable.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness of the rates and terms proposed in the Application is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The Application shall be suspended for a period of 240 days from the date the application was made, January 09, 2014, until Monday, September 08, 2014. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding the effectiveness of the rates and terms in the Application of Atmos shall be deferred until September 08, 2014. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.¹

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary and proper.

¹ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Wright, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: JAN 23 2014


ORDER MAILED JAN 24 2014

Kim Christiansen
Executive Director

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