

**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      )      Docket No. 14-ATMG-320-RTS  
Rates in the State of Kansas.      )

**ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1.      On January 9, 2014, Atmos Energy (Atmos) filed an application to increase its base rates for natural gas service.
2.      On January 10, 2014, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed a petition to intervene.
3.      On January 16, 2014, the Commission granted CURB's intervention.
4.      On February 12, 2014, the parties filed a Joint Motion proposing a procedural schedule and requesting a discovery order, protective order, and scheduling a hearing before the Commission. The Commission issued an order granting the Joint Motion on February 25, 2014.
5.      Although the Commission will conduct the evidentiary hearing, the Commission designates a prehearing officer to conduct any prehearing conferences that may be necessary, to address any matters appropriately considered in a prehearing conference, including all items listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA). The Commission designates Jay Van Blaricum, Advisory Counsel, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road,

Topeka, KS 66604-4027, telephone number (785) 271-3186, [j.vanblaricum@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:j.vanblaricum@kcc.ks.gov) to serve as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> The Commission may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED:**

A. The Commission designates Jay Van Blaricum to serve as Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.

B. The parties have fifteen days from the date this Order was electronically served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.<sup>2</sup>

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Albrecht, Chair; Wright, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: FEB 27 2014

  
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Kim Christiansen  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 77-514; K.S.A. 77-516; K.S.A. 77-551.

<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order Designating Prehearing Officer was served by electronic mail this 27th day of February, 2014, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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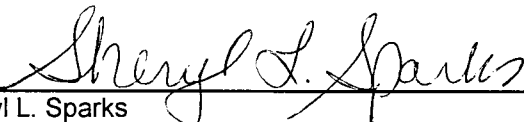
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