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Ms. Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 S. W. Arrowhead Road
Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027
Re: Atmos Energy Corporation
Docket No. 19-ATMG-525-RTS
Dear Ms. Retz:
Attached are errata pages to Rebuttal Exhibit DWD-2 to the Rebuttal Testimony of Atmos Energy Corporation witness Dylan W. D'Ascendis. The errata pages correct a formulaic error in Rebuttal Exhibit DWD-2.

On page 29 of Rebuttal Exhibit DWD-2, the last five companies incorrectly had the same dividend yield. The correction on page 29 flows through to page 28 and page 2 of Rebuttal Exhibit DWD-2.

Sincerely,


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ec: Service List

Atmos Energy Corporation
Brief Summary of Common Equity Cost Rate

| Line No. | Principal Methods | Proxy Group of Six <br> Natural Gas <br> Distribution <br> Companies |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Discounted Cash Flow Model (DCF) (1) |  | $9.01 \%$ |

Notes: (1) From page 3 of this Schedule.
(2) From page 10 of this Schedule.
(3) From page 23 of this Schedule.
(4) From page 28 of this Schedule.
(5) Size risk adjustment to reflect Atmos Energy's greater business risk due to its smaller size realtive to his Utility Proxy Group as detailed in Mr. D'Ascendis' direct testimony.
(6) From page 34 of this Schedule.

## Atmos Energy Corporation

Summary of Cost of Equity Models Applied to Proxy Group of Twenty Non-Price Regulated Companies

Comparable in Total Risk to the
Proxy Group of Six Natural Gas Distribution Companies

| Principal Methods |  | Proxy Group of Twenty NonPrice Regulated Companies |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Discounted Cash Flow Model (DCF) (1) |  | 9.97 \% |
| Risk Premium Model (RPM) (2) |  | 10.47 |
| Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) (3) |  | 10.03 |
|  | Mean | 10.16 \% |
|  | Median | 10.03 \% |
|  | Average of Mean and Median | 10.10 \% |

Notes:
(1) From page 29 of this Schedule.
(2) From page 30 of this Schedule.
(3) From page 33 of this Schedule.

Atmos Energy Corporation
DCF Results for the Proxy Group of Non-Price-Regulated Companies Comparable in Total Risk to the Proxy Group of Six Natural Gas Distribution Companies

|  | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proxy Group of Twenty <br> Non-Price Regulated <br> Companies | Average Dividend Yield | Value Line <br> Projected Five Year Growth in EPS | Zack's Five Year Projected Growth Rate in $\qquad$ | Yahoo! Finance Projected Five Year Growth in EPS | Average <br> Projected Five Year Growth Rate in EPS | Adjusted Dividend Yield | Indicated Common Equity Cost Rate (1) |
| Cboe Global Markets, Inc. | 1.23 \% | 14.50 \% | 9.00 \% | 2.75 \% | 8.75 \% | 1.28 \% | 10.03 \% |
| Crown Castle International Corp | 3.40 | 12.00 | 15.50 | 21.00 | 16.17 | 3.67 | 19.84 |
| Church \& Dwight Co., Inc. | 1.20 | 9.00 | 8.80 | 8.31 | 8.70 | 1.25 | 9.95 |
| CME Group Inc. | 1.42 | 3.00 | 7.00 | 5.68 | 5.23 | 1.46 | 6.69 |
| Forrester Research | - | 8.50 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 10.83 | - | NA |
| Cedar Fair, L.P. | 6.62 | 10.50 | 7.00 | 6.00 | 7.83 | 6.88 | 14.71 |
| Gen'l Mills | 3.65 | 4.00 | 7.00 | 6.87 | 5.96 | 3.76 | 9.72 |
| Hormel Foods | 1.99 | 9.00 | 8.50 | 2.90 | 6.80 | 2.06 | 8.86 |
| Hershey Co. | 2.01 | 6.50 | 7.30 | 8.75 | 7.52 | 2.09 | 9.61 |
| J\&J Snack Foods | 1.04 | 7.50 | NA | 6.00 | 6.75 | 1.08 | 7.83 |
| Kellogg | 3.62 | 4.00 | 4.50 | (0.80) | 4.25 | 3.70 | 7.95 |
| Lancaster Colony | 1.80 | 7.50 | NA | 3.00 | 5.25 | 1.85 | 7.10 |
| Lilly (Eli) | 2.32 | 11.50 | 10.60 | 10.55 | 10.88 | 2.45 | 13.33 |
| McCormic \& Co. | 1.40 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 8.45 | 8.15 | 1.46 | 9.61 |
| Altria Group | 7.65 | 8.50 | 6.40 | 6.59 | 7.16 | 7.92 | 15.08 |
| Smucker (J.M.) | 3.25 | 5.00 | 3.70 | 3.30 | 4.00 | 3.32 | 7.32 |
| Sysco Corporation | 2.03 | 10.50 | 9.50 | 10.55 | 10.18 | 2.13 | 12.31 |
| Tootsie Roll | 0.99 | 5.50 | NA | 9.00 | 7.25 | 1.03 | 8.28 |
| WD-40 Co. | 1.33 | 8.50 | NA | 10.00 | 9.25 | 1.39 | 10.64 |
| Walmart Inc. | 1.83 | 7.50 | 4.70 | 4.56 | 5.59 | 1.88 | 7.47 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Mean | 10.33 \% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Median | 9.61 \% |
|  |  |  |  |  | Average of Mean and Median |  | 9.97 \% |

$\mathrm{NA}=$ Not Available
NMF $=$ Not Meaningful Figure
(1) The application of the DCF model to the domestic, non-price regluated comparable risk companies is identical to the application of the DCF to the utility proxy group. The dividend yield is derived by using the 60 day average price and the spot indicated dividend as of October 31, 2019. The dividend yield is then adjusted by $1 / 2$ the average projected growth rate in EPS, which is calculated by averaging the 5 year projected growth in EPS provided by Value Line, www.zacks.com, and www.yahoo.com (excluding any negative growth rates) and then adding that growth rate to the adjusted dividend yield.

## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Atmos ) Energy Corporation for Adjustment of its ) Natural Gas Rates in the State of Kansas )

Docket No. 19-ATMG-525-RTS

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the Errata Pages to Rebuttal Exhibit DWD-2 to the Rebuttal Testimony of Atmos Energy Corporation witness Dylan W. D'Ascendis in the captioned docket was sent via electronic mail this $4^{\text {th }}$ day of December, 2019, addressed to:

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