

**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 Approval of its System) Docket No. 26-ATMG-002-TAR
Integrity Program Plan Tariff.)

ORDER APPROVING ATMOS' SIP PLAN FOR YEAR 6

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 and conclusions:

1. On June 17, 2020, in the 19-ATMG-525-RTS Docket, Atmos Energy Corporation's (Atmos) filed a System Integrity Plan (SIP) Tariff, which represented an agreement reached with Commission Staff (Staff) and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) on the terms and language contained in the SIP tariff.¹

2. On June 25, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Approving Atmos' Weather Normalization Adjustment Tariff and Granting System Integrity Program Tariff, finding the proposed SIP conforms to the requirements for a SIP outlined by the Commission.²

3. On July 1, 2020, Atmos filed its 2020 SIP Plan, part of a five-year pilot program. The 2020 SIP Plan includes a five-year general plan of projects intended to be completed under the SIP Plan and a detailed SIP Project Plan for the first SIP Plan Year.³ The projects to replace

¹ Compliance Filing: Weather Normalization Adjustment Tariff, 19-ATMG-525-RTS (19-525 Docket), June 17, 2020, ¶ 2.

² Order Approving Atmos' Weather Normalization Adjustment Tariff and Granting System Integrity Plan Tariff, 19-525 Docket, June 25, 2020, ¶ 4.

³ 2020 System Integrity Program Plan, 19-525 Docket, July 1, 2020, ¶ 1.

obsolete pipe are prioritized based on overall scores that factors in the likelihood that the existing pipes will fail and the consequences of the pipes failing.⁴

4. On October 8, 2020, the Commission approved Atmos' overall SIP Plan objectives for the five-year pilot period in the proposed 2020 SIP Plan and the SIP Projects proposed for SIP Plan Year 1.⁵ Subsequently, the Commission approved Atmos SIP Plans for Years 2-5.

5. On July 1, 2025, Atmos submitted its System Integrity Plan for Year 6, outlining its plans to replace low-pressure bare steel and vintage plastic pipe in Chetopa, Caney, Olathe, and Coffeyville, at a total estimated cost of \$ 11,260,268.⁶

6. On September 9, 2025, Staff filed its Report and Recommendation, recommending approval of Atmos' Year 6 SIP investment, which replaces 11.3 miles of bare steel piping and 720 services in 4 towns in Kansas, at a total cost of \$11.3 million.⁷ The estimated cost for Year 5 increased by \$234,756 from the previous filing due to an altered project list and inflation.⁸ Based on its review of the details for the proposed pipe replacement projects for 2026, Staff believes: (1) the Year 6 SIP plan is reasonable, and (2) Atmos' selected projects are consistent with the goals of the SIP.⁹ Thus, Staff recommends the Commission approve the Year 6 SIP Plan.¹⁰ Staff reminds the Commission that under the approved tariff, a decision on the SIP plan is due November 1, 2025.¹¹

7. No responses to Staff's Report and Recommendation were filed.

⁴ *Id.*, Ex. A, p. 1.

⁵ Order Approving Atmos' 2020 System Integrity Program Plan, 19-525 Docket, Oct. 8, 2020, ¶ 11.

⁶ Atmos Energy Corporation's System Integrity Program Plan, July 1, 2025, Exh. A, ¶ 3.

⁷ Staff Report and Recommendation, Sept. 9, 2025, p. 1

⁸ *Id.*, p. 3.

⁹ *Id.*, p. 3.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

8. The Commission agrees with Staff's Report and Recommendation's conclusions that the projects Atmos identified for Year 6 of its SIP Plan, and that the estimated costs associated with replacing those distribution systems are reasonable. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Atmos' SIP tariff, the Commission approves the Year 6 SIP as proposed by Atmos.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The SIP for Year 6 is approved.
- B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).¹²

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 09/25/2025.



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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¹² K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

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