

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Dwight D. Keen, Chair
 Shari Feist Albrecht
 Susan K. Duffy

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

SUSPENSION ORDER

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

I. Background

1. On June 28, 2019, Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) filed with the Commission an Application requesting approval to make certain changes in its charges for natural gas service.¹

2. On July 2, 2019, the Citizens’ Utility Ratepayer Board (“CURB”) filed its motion to intervene in the instant docket.²

II. Suspension Order

3. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

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

¹ Application of Atmos, (June 28, 2019).

² CURB’s Petition to Intervene, (July 2, 2019).

proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

4. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether approval of the Application will result in just and reasonable rates.

5. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, June 28, 2019, until Monday, February 24, 2020, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c).³ A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Application in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until Monday, February 24, 2020.

B. Electronic service shall be utilized for serving pleadings/motions and orders.

C. 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).⁴

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

³ The 240-day time period ends Sunday, February 23, 2019. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c), the deadline is extended until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, which is Monday, February 24, 2020.

⁴ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 07/11/2019



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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