NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD CONCERNING ATMOS ENERGY RATE INCREASE REQUEST.

Atmos Energy filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) requesting an overall net revenue increase of $8.3 million. The requested increase would affect the portions of a customer's bill that relate to the delivery of gas by Atmos Energy to customers, including the fixed monthly Facility Charge and Commodity Charge (per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) usage charge).

If approved, the average monthly bill for residential customers will increase by approximately $5.60 per month, or 6.4% increase. This includes an increase in the monthly Facility Charge/GSRS Charge from $20.20 per month to $25.71 per month and resetting the GSRS charge to zero. In addition, the gas charge for residential customers will increase to $0.15128/Ccf from $0.14994/Ccf.

Atmos Energy is recommending no change to the rates of customers served under commercial sales, public authority sales, school sales, large industrial interruptible sales, or any transportation customers.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission has scheduled a virtual public hearing, via Zoom, to allow Atmos Energy's customers the opportunity to learn more about the application and to speak to the Commission about the proposed rate increase. The virtual public hearing is scheduled for:

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
https://kcc.ks.gov/

Those who wish to provide comments during the virtual hearing will need to pre-register at https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters by noon on January 10, 2023.

To view the hearing without participating, registration is not required. Viewers can tune in to the Commission's YouTube Channel using the link that will appear on the Commission's website home page (https://kcc.ks.gov/) the day of the hearing. The hearing will also be recorded and available on YouTube for later viewing.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the hearing site under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date by calling 1-800-662-0027.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Commission will accept comments from Atmos Energy's customers through 5:00 p.m. CST, March 10, 2023. There are three convenient ways to submit a comment:

- Go to the Commission website (https://kcc.ks.gov/) and click on the Your Opinion Matters link to enter your comment.
- Send a written letter to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604 4027. Be sure to reference Docket No. 23-ATMG-359-RTS.
- Call the Commission's Public Affairs office at 1-800-662-0027 or 785-271-3140.

Public comments received during the comment period will be entered into the official case record and posted on the website at the end of the comment period.

EVIDENTIARY HEARING

The Commission has scheduled an evidentiary hearing on the Atmos Energy rate increase request beginning March 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be broadcast on the KCC's YouTube Channel. The Commission will issue a decision by May 9, 2023.

MORE ABOUT ATMOS ENERGY'S PROPOSAL

In its application, Atmos Energy said the increase was necessary because the company has continued to make investments in its system to provide safe, reliable and efficient natural gas service to its customers. The company further stated it has experienced increases in wages, medical expenses and material and supplier costs.

To achieve an overall net revenue increase of $8.3 million, Atmos Energy is requesting to increase base rates by $12.4 million by moving the $3.5 million currently collected through the Gas System Reliability Surcharge Rider (GSRS), which customers are

Atmos Energy is also requesting to implement a Voluntary Smart Choice Carbon Offset Tariff (SCCO). The SCCO rider is designed to provide customers the voluntary option to offset some or all of the carbon emissions associated with their natural gas usage through Atmos Energy's purchase and retirement of Carbon Credits on their behalf.

Atmos Energy's last rate increase of $3.0 million (after accounting for the reduction in the GSRS charge, the net impact revenue requirement was a decrease of $223,953) was approved on February 24, 2020.

Atmos Energy's corporate office is located in Dallas, Texas. It is one of the largest pure natural gas distribution companies in the United States, supplying natural gas service to over three million customers in eight states. In Kansas, Atmos Energy provides natural gas service to approximately 139,000 customers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A complete copy of Atmos Energy's application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website (https://kcc.ks.gov/). A link to the Docket is available on the Your Opinion Matters page. If you need additional assistance or more information about the requested rate increase or public hearing, contact the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027 or public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov.