

# **PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD**

## **Atmos Energy Corporation Rate Case**

The Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos Energy”) filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (“Commission” or “KCC”) seeking approval to make certain changes in its charges for gas service.

### **Public Hearing**

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning Atmos Energy’s application. This hearing will provide information about Atmos Energy’s proposed changes in its charges for gas services and provide an opportunity for customers to ask questions and to present testimony or comments for the Commission’s consideration.

The public hearing typically consists of two parts: During the first part, representatives of Atmos Energy, KCC Staff and CURB will be available to answer customers’ questions pertaining to the proposed rate changes. In the second part of the public hearing, customers may make formal statements to the Commission concerning the rate changes. However, the Kansas Corporation Commission may determine how to best accommodate the public participation in this important rate proceeding.

The date, time and place of the public hearing are:

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (CDT)**

#### **KU Edwards Campus – BEST Conference Center**

12604 Quivira Road  
Overland Park, Kansas 66213

The hearing will be recorded and posted on the Commission’s website at [www.kcc.ks.gov](http://www.kcc.ks.gov) for those unable to attend

In addition, the Commission will accept written comments from the public until 5:00 p.m. (CDT), December 13, 2019. Comments regarding this case should reference Docket No. 19-ATMG-525-RTS. The public can mail their comments to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. The public can also submit comments through the Commission’s website [www.kcc.ks.gov](http://www.kcc.ks.gov) and click on the “Your Opinion Matters” link or with a toll-free call to 1-800-662-0027.

A complete copy of Atmos Energy’s application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission’s website at:

<http://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/portal/kscs/page/docket-docs/PSC/DocketDetails.aspx?DocketId=9f5bb6f5-845e-4800-ac07-58edc42df43c>

The KCC has until February 24, 2020 to make a decision on the proposed rate increase.

## **Atmos Energy Corporation's Proposed Rate Changes**

In its application (filed on June 28, 2019), Atmos Energy proposes an increase in base rates of approximately \$9.6 million (KCC Docket 19-ATMG-525-RTS).

Outline of Atmos Energy's request:

- ❖ With respect to its base rates:
  - Atmos Energy proposes to move approximately \$3.3 million which is currently collected through the Gas Service Reliability Surcharge (GSRS) under certain Kansas Statutes into base rates.
  - Atmos Energy proposes to adjust approximately \$1.4 million collected in its Ad Valorem Tax Surcharge Rider into base rates.
  
- ❖ Other Items in the Atmos Energy Application:
  - Atmos Energy seeks to add to its rates a rate case expense surcharge of approximately \$817,882.
  - Atmos Energy is requesting KCC approval of its System Integrity Program to allow Atmos Energy to collect a surcharge for an amount of capital expenditures needed to replace certain bare steel pipelines and certain vintage service lines on an accelerated basis (This surcharge would be in addition to amounts collected by Atmos Energy under the GSRS);
  - Atmos Energy requests permission to file an accelerated rate case no later than one year after the issuance of the KCC Order in this docket.
  - Atmos Energy is requesting a ROE of 10.25%.
  - Atmos Energy seeks to raise its rates for residential customers as follows:  
Customer Charge: From \$18.04/month to \$22.00/month;  
Commodity Charge: From \$1.4439 per Mcf to \$1.5972 per Mcf

As of March 31, 2019, Atmos Energy serves approximately 135,000 customers in 110 communities located in 32 counties in Kansas, along with other customers and communities in other states. Of the approximate 135,000 Kansas customers which Atmos Energy serves, approximately 125,000 are residential customers and approximately 10,000 are commercial customers.

### **Evidentiary Hearing**

The Kansas Corporation Commission has scheduled an evidentiary hearing on the proposed rate changes to begin Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., and continue as needed through December 11-12, 2019, at the KCC's First Floor Hearing Room, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS.

### **Additional Information is available from the KCC and CURB**

For more information about Atmos Energy's proposed changes, the public hearing or the technical hearing, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027. Any persons requiring special accommodations at the

hearing site under the Americans with Disabilities Act must give notice to the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date by calling 1-800-662-0027.

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) can also be contacted 785-271-3200 for further information.