



## News Release

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### **ATMOS ENERGY FILES TO INCREASE KANSAS RATES**

**Denver, CO** (September 14, 2007)—Atmos Energy Corporation filed today with the Kansas Corporation Commission for an overall increase of \$5 million in the annual revenues of its Kansas natural gas utility operations. Atmos Energy had not filed for a rate increase since 2003.

“It has been more than four years since our Kansas operation has requested a rate increase,” said Gary Schlessman, president of Atmos Energy’s Colorado-Kansas Division. “Since that time, we have made considerable investments and our operating costs have increased.”

If approved, the average monthly bill for residential customers in Kansas will increase \$3.90 per month, or 19 percent. For commercial customers, the increase in the average monthly bill will be \$10, a 15 percent increase.

According to Mike DeArmond, vice president of operations in Kansas: “One of the important aspects of this rate case is the expeditious implementation of automated meter reading (AMR) as proposed in the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) tariff rider. This would allow Kansas customers to more closely and accurately monitor their consumption habits and make informed decisions that will help them conserve natural gas use, while at the same time improving meter reading accuracy and reducing meter-reading-related injuries and accidents. If this aspect of the rate case is approved, our customers will gain a very valuable tool that, coupled with other energy savings tools that are on the Atmos Energy Web site, will help them manage their energy use and allow them to immediately see the effect of their decisions.

“Another change,” said DeArmond, “includes the addition of a Gas System Reliability Surcharge (GSR) tariff rider that is being added. This is the result of 2006 Kansas legislation that allows gas utilities to recover the costs associated with mandated safety projects and non-reimbursed facilities relocations associated with public roadway projects. No surcharge is being proposed at this time, but this will be available for future needs.”

Atmos Energy serves approximately 124,000 natural gas customers in 108 communities in Kansas.

## **About Atmos Energy**

Atmos Energy Corporation, headquartered in Dallas, is the country's largest natural gas-only distributor, serving about 3.2 million gas utility customers. Atmos Energy's utility operations serve more than 1,500 communities in 12 states from the Blue Ridge Mountains in the East to the Rocky Mountains in the West. Atmos Energy's non-utility operations, organized under Atmos Energy Holdings, Inc., operate in 22 states. They provide natural gas marketing and procurement services to industrial, commercial and municipal customers and manage company-owned natural gas storage and pipeline assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipelines in Texas. Atmos Energy is a Fortune 500 company. For more information, visit [www.atmosenergy.com](http://www.atmosenergy.com).

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