

Decision No. C23-0405

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23V-0304G

IN THE MATTER OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S VERIFIED PETITION FOR A PARTIAL VARIANCE FROM THE COMPANY'S GAS HEDGING PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-2024 HEATING SEASON.

**COMMISSION DECISION SETTING SHORTENED
NOTICE AND INTERVENTION PERIOD**

Mailed Date: June 14, 2023

Adopted Date: June 14, 2023

TO THE PARTIES IN THIS MATTER AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, FIRMS, OR CORPORATIONS:

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This Decision serves as notice for the above captioned proceeding and establishes June 20, 2023, as the deadline for any interested person to file a notice or motion to intervene.

B. Discussion

2. On June 6, 2023, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed this petition seeking a partial variance from Decision No. C19-0563 in order to increase the size of the utility's gas hedging program to \$3 million from \$1.5 million. Atmos indicates that it has conferred with the Colorado Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate and Trial Staff of the Commission and that neither opposes the requested variance.

3. Given the lack of opposition, Atmos requests that we forgo setting a notice and intervention period where interested parties can intervene in this proceeding. It states that quickly receiving approval for its program increase will allow it to act now to procure additional hedging instruments.

4. We are unwilling to curtail the opportunity for interested persons to participate in this proceeding. However, we do believe that a shortened notice and intervention period will be beneficial in light of the timing concerns raised in the petition.

C. Findings and Conclusions

5. We find good cause to shorten the notice and intervention period for this proceeding. Persons wishing to intervene in this proceeding must file to intervene by June 20, 2023.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. This Decision serves as notice of the petition for variance filed on June 6, 2023 by Atmos Energy Corporation. The notice period shall extend through 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2023.

2. Any person desiring to intervene or participate as a party in this proceeding shall file an appropriate pleading to become a party no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2023.

3. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' DELIBERATIONS MEETING
June 14, 2023.**

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Rebecca E. White,
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