

Decision No. C23-0423

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23L-0318G

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO ADJUST ITS GAS COST RECOVERY RATES ON LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
REVISIONS OF GSAS RATES**

Mailed Date: June 23, 2023
Adopted Date: June 21, 2022

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statements

1. On June 14, 2023, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Applicant) filed a verified application to update its Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) rates. Atmos seeks a Commission order authorizing it, without a formal hearing and on less-than-statutory notice, to place into effect on July 1, 2023, a tariff resulting in an overall decrease in two divisions and an increase in one division to its existing natural gas rates on file with the Commission.

2. The proposed tariff is attached to the application and affects the Applicant and 39 customers in its three Colorado GCA divisions.

3. Atmos Energy has acknowledged that it has read and agrees to abide by the provisions of subparagraphs (b)(IV) through (VI) and (b)(XI)(A) through (C) of Commission Rule 4002.

4. Atmos Energy has submitted this application in accordance with § 40-3-104(2), C.R.S., and Rule 4109(b)(II) and has submitted information in compliance with Commission Rules 4002 and 4604.

B. Findings of Facts

5. The Applicant is an operating public utility subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission and is engaged in, inter alia, the purchase, distribution, transportation, and sale of natural gas for domestic, mechanical, or public uses in its North, Southeast, and Southwest rate areas (divisions) in the State of Colorado.

6. It is filed under the quarterly GCA mechanism placed into effect by Commission Decision No. C09-0596 in Proceeding No. 08A-095G and proposes revised GCA factors for the period July 1 through September 30, 2023.

7. The purpose of the revisions of the Applicant's gas rates is to effectuate decrease in two rate areas (North and Southeast) and increase in one rate area (Southwest) in the level of natural gas costs charged to the Applicant based on prices to be in effect as of July 1, 2023.

8. The effect of the above revisions is an overall decrease of \$7,514,518 to the Applicant's customers in its three Colorado GCA rate areas. Specifically, the effect of the revisions is a decrease of \$5,649,778 to customers in the North Colorado division; a decrease of \$935,573 to customers in the Southeast Colorado Division; and a decrease of \$929,167 to Applicant's customers in the Southwest Colorado Division.

9. Atmos Energy proposed to adjust its GCA in the three Colorado Divisions as follows:

- a) North Colorado Division GCA to \$0.53214/ccf resulting in a GCA rate change of negative \$0.23925/ccf.

- b) Southeast Colorado Division GCA to \$0.33482/ccf resulting in a GCA rate change of negative \$0.21085/ccf.
- c) Southwest Colorado Division GCA to \$0.67946/ccf resulting in a GCA rate change of \$0.05030/ccf.

10. Atmos Energy acknowledges its obligation under Commission Rules 1207 and 4604(h) to provide notice to customers and the public concerning the utility's proposed GCA change. Atmos Energy is seeking the Commission's approval to implement GCA revisions on less than 30-days' notice pursuant to Commission Rule 4603(a) with notice in compliance with § 40-3-104(2), C.R.S., and Commission Rules 1207(a) and 4002(d).

11. The Commission finds good cause to allow the proposed overall decrease on less-than-statutory notice.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That

1. The verified application filed by Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) on June 14, 2023, is deemed complete.

2. Atmos is authorized to file, on no less than two days' notice the tariff proposal attached and made a part of this Decision. The tariff shall be effective for actual gas sales on or after their effective date of July 1, 2023.

3. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114, C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the effective date of this Decision.

4. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
June 21, 2023**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Rebecca E. White,
Director

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