

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14AL-0300G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 511 FILED BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION TO FILE FOR A RATE INCREASE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 5, 2014.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
MELODY MIRBABA
SCHEDULING PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING IN
GREELEY, COLORADO**

Mailed Date: June 10, 2014

I. STATEMENT, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

1. On April 2, 2014, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed Advice Letter No. 511 (Advice Letter) seeking to place in effect tariff sheet changes on May 5, 2014. That same day, Atmos filed Direct Testimony and Exhibits to the Direct Testimony.

2. During its weekly meeting held April 30, 2014, the Commission referred this matter to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for disposition. Decision No. C14-0452. At the same time, the Commission suspended the proposed effective date of the tariff page(s) filed by Atmos with Advice Letter for 120 days until September 2, 2014, or until further order of the Commission. *Id.*

3. On May 9, 2014, the ALJ scheduled a prehearing conference in this matter to take place on June 5, 2014. Decision No. R14-0494-I. The same Decision further suspended the effective date of the tariff to December 1, 2014.

4. The Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (the OCC) and Public Utilities Commission trial Staff (Staff) timely intervened of right.

5. On May 13, 2014, Energy Outreach Colorado (Energy Outreach) filed a Motion to Intervene (Motion), seeking permissive intervention in this proceeding. No party filed an objection to the Motion. By Decision No. R14-618-I, the ALJ granted the Motion.

6. On June 5, 2014, a prehearing conference was held. Decision No. R14-0618-I. During the hearing, the parties agreed to, and the ALJ approved a hearing date, public comment hearing dates, and procedural deadlines. On June 10, 2014, the ALJ issued a Decision which memorializes the matters addressed during the hearing. Decision No. R14-0618-I. The hearing on the merits of the Advice Letter will be held in Denver, Colorado on August 13, 14, and 15, 2014 dates.

7. The ALJ will hold two hearings to take public comment on the issues in this proceeding. The first of those will be held in Greeley, Colorado, as set forth below on June 19, 2014. The second will be held on July 1, 2014 in Canon City, Colorado. A location for the second hearing dates is still pending. Thus, a separate decision will be issued once the location for the Canon City hearing is established.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. A hearing will be held to take public comment on the issues in this proceeding as follows:

DATE: June 19, 2014

TIME: 4:00 p.m. until concluded, but no later than 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Farr Regional Library
Library Meeting Room
1939 61st Avenue
Greeley, Colorado

2. The parties to this proceeding may not present comments at the public comment hearing. The parties may respond to public comments during the evidentiary hearing currently scheduled to take place at the Public Utilities Commission's office in Denver, Colorado on August 13, 14 and 15, 2014.

3. This Decision is effective immediately.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MELODY MIRBABA

Administrative Law Judge

Doug Dean,
Director