

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

PROCEEDING NO. 19A-0224G

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER APPROVING ITS 2020-2022 NATURAL GAS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

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**INTERIM DECISION OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
ROBERT I. GARVEY  
GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION  
TO ADOPT PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
AND VACATING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

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Mailed Date: June 26, 2019

**I. STATEMENT**

1. On May 1, 2019, Atmos Energy Corporation (Company) filed an application for an order approving the Company's 2020-2022 Natural Gas Demand Side Management Plan.

2. On May 29, 2019, Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) filed a Notice of Intervention, Entry of Appearance and Request for a Hearing. Staff lists two issues it intends to raise in discovery and at any hearing.

3. On June 3, 2019, the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) filed an intervention by right and a request for hearing in this matter. The OCC states three areas it intends to raise in discovery and at any hearing.

4. On June 6, 2019, by minute entry, the Commission referred the matter to an Administrative Law Judge.

5. On June 11, 2019, by Decision No. R19-0498-I, a prehearing conference was scheduled to be held on July 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

6. On June 21, 2019, the Company filed its Unopposed Motion to Adopt Procedural Schedule, Vacate Prehearing Conference, and for Waiver of Response Time (Unopposed Motion).

7. The Unopposed Motion states that counsel for the Company, Staff, and the OCC (collectively, the Parties) negotiated the following proposed procedural schedule:

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| Direct Testimony & Attachments             | 7/1/2019   |
| Answer Testimony & Attachments             | 8/1/2019   |
| Rebuttal Testimony & Attachments           | 8/22/2019  |
| Corrected Testimony & Attachments          | 9/5/2019   |
| Prehearing Motions                         | 9/5/2019   |
| Responses to Prehearing Motions            | 9/19/2019  |
| Stipulation and Settlement Agreement       | 9/26/2019  |
| Evidentiary Hearing                        | 10/3/2019  |
| Statements of Position (Simultaneous SOPs) | 10/17/2019 |

8. The Parties further agree that discovery will be governed by the Commission's rules without modification.

9. The Parties also request that the prehearing conference set for July 1, 2019, be vacated, asserting that any preliminary matters can be addressed at the beginning of the evidentiary hearing.

10. Good cause is found to grant the Unopposed Motion.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The Unopposed Motion to Adopt Procedural Schedule, Vacate Prehearing Conference, and for Waiver of Response Time (Unopposed Motion) filed on June 21, 2019, by Atmos Energy Corporation, is granted.

2. The procedural schedule shall be adopted as stated in paragraph 7.

3. A witness order and cross-examination matrix shall be filed no later than September 30, 2019.

4. The evidentiary hearing in this matter is scheduled as follows:

DATE: October 3, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room  
1560 Broadway, Suite 250  
Denver, Colorado

5. The prehearing conference scheduled for July 1, 2019, is vacated.

6. Response time to the Unopposed Motion is waived.

7. The Parties shall be held to the advisements in this Decision.

8. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ROBERT I. GARVEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,  
Director