

Decision No. C14-0206-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0153G

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING IT A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO IMPLEMENT THE GREELEY BUILDING PROJECT.

**INTERIM DECISION GRANTING REQUEST
FOR SHORTENED NOTICE**

Mailed Date: February 26, 2014
Adopted Date: February 26, 2014

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

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a request filed on February 19, 2014 by Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company) to shorten the notice and intervention period to ten days. Atmos makes this request in its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Implement the Greeley Building Project (Application).

2. Atmos seeks to implement and construct the Greeley Building Project, as well as a presumption of prudence for the estimated costs of that project. Atmos proposes to operate its service center and business office out of the new building. Atmos states that the shortened notice and intervention period is necessary to enable the Company to complete the purchase of real property by April 30, 2014, begin construction in the spring, and conclude construction before the winter season.

3. The Application is available for public inspection at the Commission office located at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and state holidays. **This Decision is the notice that the Application seeking approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Implement the Greeley Building Project has been filed.**

4. We find good cause to shorten the notice and intervention period to ten days and to waive response time to that request. Interventions, including by Staff of the Public Utilities Commission, shall be due at **5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2014.**

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The request to shorten the notice and intervention period to ten days, contained in the Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Implement the Greeley Building Project (Application) filed by Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) on February 19, 2014 is granted and response time is waived.

2. The notice period for the Application shall extend through and including March 10, 2014.

3. Any person desiring to intervene or participate as a party in this proceeding, including Staff of the Commission, shall file a petition for leave to intervene, or under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, file other appropriate pleadings to become a party, by **March 10, 2014**. Alternatively, persons who do not wish to intervene or become a party, but desire to file comments, may send written comments addressed to the Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202. All persons who file an objection, notice of intervention as of right, motion to permissively intervene, or any other

appropriate pleading shall do so in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and this Decision.

4. The Commission may consider the Application without a hearing if no notice of intervention as of right or motion to permissively intervene is timely filed, or no notice of intervention as of right or motion to permissively intervene requests a hearing or contests or opposes the Application.

5. If a hearing is required in this matter, the Commission will notify the parties of the hearing date, time, and location. Atmos must appear at the hearing, if one is set, and present evidence in support of its Application. Other parties may appear and present evidence in support of their position.

6. If a party does not meet the requirements of this Decision, the Commission may dismiss or strike the Application or intervention upon motion filed by any other party, or upon the Commission's own motion, unless good cause for failure to meet the requirements is shown.

7. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
February 26, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

JOSHUA B. EPEL

PAMELA J. PATTON

Commissioners

COMMISSIONER GLENN A. VAAD
ABSENT.