

Decision No. R14-0645-I

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 CAÑON CITY, COLORADO**

Mailed Date: June 12, 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 into 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 the 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 and Public Utilities Commission trial Staff timely intervened of right.

5. On May 13, 2014, Energy Outreach Colorado filed a Motion to Intervene (Motion), seeking permissive intervention in this proceeding. No party filed an objection to the Motion. By Decision No. R14-0618-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.

7. The ALJ will hold two hearings to take public comment on the issues in this proceeding. The first of those will be held on June 19, 2014 in Greeley, Colorado, as set forth by Decision No. R14-0624-I. The second will be held on July 1, 2014 in Canon City, Colorado, as set forth below.

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: July 1, 2014

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

PLACE: Pueblo Community College
Room A-105
51320 West Highway 50
Cañon City, Colorado 81212

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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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MELODY MIRBABA

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director