

Decision No. C24-0450-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24M-0061G

IN THE MATTER OF THE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FILED PURSUANT TO 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-4-4552 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES REGULATING GAS UTILITIES.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION ADOPTING
CONSENSUS DISCOVERY PARAMETERS AND
REFERRING DISCOVERY DISPUTES AND MOTIONS
FOR EXTRAORDINARY PROTECTION TO AN
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

Issued Date: June 25, 2024

Adopted Date: June 17, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On March 1, 2024, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed its initial Gas Infrastructure Plan (GIP). Atmos made the filing consistent with provisions in the Commission's Rules Regulating Gas Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-4-4550 to 4555.

2. Through Decision No. C24-0259, the Commission required the parties to confer and file proposed discovery parameters ten days after the Commission established the parties to this Proceeding.

3. On June 11, 2024, Atmos filed a consensus proposal on discovery parameters. The discovery parameters include a discovery period starting June 28, 2024, and ending August 12, 2024, and that responses to any data requests would be due ten business days after the date of service.

4. We find that the discovery procedures proposed by the parties are reasonable, and therefore we adopt the discovery parameters set forth in the consensus proposal.

5. Additionally, we refer all discovery disputes and motions for extraordinary protection to the Administrative Law Judge that is scheduling and convening a public comment hearing in this Proceeding.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The discovery parameters set forth in the consensus proposal filed by Atmos Energy Corporation on June 11, 2024, are adopted.

2. All discovery disputes are referred to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) that is scheduling and convening a public comment hearing in this Proceeding.

3. Motions for extraordinary protection filed in this Proceeding are also referred to the ALJ.

4. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
June 17, 2024.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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