

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0303G

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2025-2026 GAS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

**INTERIM DECISION
GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION AND VACATING
HEARING**

Issued Date: January 13, 2025

I. STATEMENT.

1. On July 8, 2024, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") filed an Application for approval of its 2025-2026 Gas Demand-Side Management Plan ("Application").

2. Atmos seeks Commission approval to implement six gas efficiency programs to achieve the savings goals established by the Commission in the Company's most recent Demand Side Management ("DSM") Strategic Issues proceeding, Proceeding No. 23A-0216G. The programs, to be implemented in 2025 and 2026, include an Air Sealing and Insulation Program, an Efficient Natural Gas Rebate Program, an Income-Qualified ("IQ") Program, an Energy Efficiency Kits Program, a Home Energy Reports Program, and a Commercial & Industrial Program.

3. Atmos proposes a total budget of \$3,976,728 over the plan period, allocating \$1,927,031 to 2025 and \$2,049,697 to 2026. It estimates 128,701 dekatherms ("Dths") of savings over the plan period ("62,583 Dths in 2025 and 66,118 Dths in 2026"), and estimates 995 Dths of peak day savings ("484 Dths in 2025 and 511 Dths in 2026"). The budget and saving goals were

set forth in the Unanimous Non-Comprehensive Stipulation Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission through Decision No. C24-0221 in Proceeding No. 23A-0216G.

4. The Commission issued a Notice of Application filed on July 11, 2024, setting the deadline for filing of intervention pleadings on or before August 12, 2024.

5. On August 12, 2024, Energy Outreach Colorado (“EOC”) filed its Unopposed Motion to Intervene and Entry of Appearance (“Unopposed Motion”). EOC is a Colorado nonprofit corporation in good standing whose mission is to ensure that income-qualified Colorado households can meet their home energy needs.

6. On August 19, 2024, Trial Staff of the Public Utility Commission (“Staff”) filed its Notice of Intervention as of Right, Entry of Appearance and Notice Pursuant to Rule 1007(a) and Rule 1401, and Request for Hearing.

7. On September 6, 2024, by Decision No. C24-0639-I, the matter was referred to an Administrative Law Judge.

8. On September 16, 2024, by Decision No. R24-0660-I, interventions were granted, and a prehearing conference was scheduled for September 26, 2024.

9. On September 23, 2024, Atmos filed its Unopposed Motion to Adopt Procedural Schedule, Vacate Prehearing Conference and Waiver of Response Time.

10. On October 2, 2024, by Decision No. R24-0700-I, a procedural schedule was adopted.

11. On December 20, 2024, Atmos filed its Unopposed Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule, Admit Exhibits into Evidence and for Approval of Stipulation (“Unopposed Motion”). Attached to this filing was a settlement agreement.

12. On January 6, 2025, Atmos filed the Settlement testimony of Ken Fogle.

II. UNOPPOSED MOTION

13. Atmos states that the parties have reached an agreement on all issues in the above captioned proceeding and do not believe a hearing is necessary.

14. The parties request that the exhibits filed into the proceeding be admitted and the settlement agreement be approved.

15. The undersigned ALJ finds good cause to grant the Unopposed Motion. The exhibits and testimony filed in the above captioned proceeding shall be admitted.

16. Based upon the exhibits and testimony filed in the proceeding the undersigned ALJ does not believe a hearing is required. The evidentiary hearing scheduled for January 23 & 24, 2025 shall be vacated.

17. A decision approving the settlement agreement will be issued at a later date.

III. ORDER

A. It is Ordered That:

1. Unopposed Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule, Admit Exhibits into Evidence, filed by Atmos Energy Corporation is granted.

2. The exhibits and testimony filed in the above captioned proceeding shall be admitted into the proceeding.

3. The remote hearing is scheduled for January 23 & 24, 2025, is vacated.

4. The settlement agreement filed by the parties shall be approved in a separate decision.

5. 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 "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director