

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION  
GC123008100

DOCKET NO. 2006-UA-283

IN RE: APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN ASSET MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ITS AFFILIATE TRANS LOUISIANA GAS PIPELINE, INC. PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AUTHORIZED BY THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION OF ITS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN ON A PERMANENT BASIS OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE EXTENDED FOR THREE YEARS

**ORDER**

THIS DAY, this cause came on for consideration in the above-referenced matter, and the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission"); finds as follows:

1. Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy" or "Company") is a natural gas distributing company operating as a public utility in the State of Mississippi as defined by Miss. Code Ann. §77-3-3(d)(ii).

2. Atmos Energy filed on December 14, 2020, with the Commission its Application asking approval of an extension of the term of its Asset Management Plan ("AMP") permanently or in the alternative for three (3) years. The AMP Agreement is with Atmos Energy's affiliate, Trans Louisiana Gas Pipeline ("TLGP").

3. The Commission entered an Order in this docket on June 30, 2006, which among other things, approved and authorized Atmos Energy to enter into an AMP agreement with its affiliate, TLGP, as a one-year pilot program. The Order further indicated the Commission may extend the AMP upon proper application by Atmos Energy. On May 24, 2007, upon application by Atmos Energy, the Commission entered an Order approving a one-

year extension of the AMP. On May 28, 2008, upon application by Atmos Energy, the Commission extended the AMP for an additional year. On April 14, 2009, upon application of Atmos Energy, the Commission extended the AMP for an additional three (3) years. On February 28, 2012, the Commission extended the AMP for an additional five (5) years but required that Atmos Energy utilize a Request for Proposal ("RFP") to select the Asset Manager. On May 1, 2012, the Commission approved Atmos Energy's agreement with TLGP to manage the AMP for three (3) years. On June 2, 2015, the Commission approved Atmos Energy's agreement with TLGP to manage the AMP for another two (2) years beginning May 1, 2015. On October 31, 2016, Atmos Energy filed with the Commission an application to extend the term of the AMP for an additional five (5) years. On February 7, 2017, the Commission approved the agreement between Atmos Energy and the Staff of a twelve (12) month extension through April 30, 2018. On December 5, 2017, in Docket No. 2005-UN-503, the Commission authorized Atmos Energy to issue an AMP RFP. On April 9, 2018, Atmos Energy filed with the Commission an application to extend the term of the AMP for an additional three (3) years. On May 30, 2018, the Commission approved the agreement between Atmos Energy and the Staff of a three (3) year extension through April 30, 2021.

4. Atmos Energy issued an RFP for three years on the 15th day of June, 2020. A copy of this RFP was attached as Exhibit "D" to the Application. Four (4) bids were received in a timely manner by the 4:00 PM deadline on July 17, 2020. These proposals were thoroughly reviewed by Atmos Energy and on August 9, 2020, the RFP was awarded to TLGP, its affiliate, to continue as the Asset Manager. A copy of Atmos Energy's Recommendations, including bid evaluation, was attached as Exhibit "E" to the Application. A copy of the Asset Management Agreement was attached as Exhibit "F" to the Application.

5. The Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") reviewed and evaluated Atmos Energy's filing and the RFP. Atmos Energy and Staff have reached an Agreement to extend the AMP for three (3) years through April 30, 2024, and to approve the Asset Management Agreement.

6. The Commission has duly considered the pleadings, documentation contained in the file, and other evidence and does hereby find that the agreement is just and reasonable, and should be approved and adopted.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Asset Management Agreement between Atmos Energy and Trans Louisiana Gas Pipeline is hereby approved and the Asset Management Plan is extended through April 30, 2024.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served on the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note such date of service in the file of this Docket.

#### COMMISSION VOTE

Chairman Dane Maxwell voted                      Aye X      Nay \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Brent Bailey voted                      Aye X      Nay \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Brandon Presley voted                      Aye X      Nay \_\_\_\_\_

DATED this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



*Dane Maxwell*  
DANE MAXWELL, CHAIRMAN

*Brent Bailey*  
BRENT BAILEY, COMMISSIONER

*Brandon Presley*  
BRANDON PRESLEY, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

*Katherine Collier*  
KATHERINE COLLIER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Effective this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.