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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *ex rel.*

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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUR-2020-00048

Ex Parte: Temporary Suspension of Tariff Requirements

ORDER

On March 16, 2020, the State Corporation Commission established this proceeding and ordered an immediate moratorium on service disconnections by jurisdictional electricity, natural gas, water, and sewer utilities for unpaid bills caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The moratorium was initially in place for 60 days and subsequently extended for additional periods by subsequent Orders. On September 15, 2020, the Commission issued an Additional Order on Moratorium ("September 2020 Order") that extended the moratorium until October 5, 2020. Among other things, the September Order directed that "utilities shall submit quarterly reports to the Commission's Division of Utility Accounting and Finance on the current number and status of repayment plans, and on the current status of the utility's aged accounts receivables as impacted by the requirements of this docket."¹ The September 2020 Order required utilities to submit the first such report in January of 2021.²

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds as follows. The moratorium established in this proceeding was in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency present at that time. Now, we find it reasonable to discontinue the related reporting requirements directed in the September 2020 Order as of the date of this Order;

¹ September 2020 Order at 4.

² *Id.* at 4 n.7.

however, utilities shall continue to provide information regarding arrearages and repayment plans, and on the current status of the utilities' aged accounts receivables, to Staff upon request.³

Accordingly, it is so ORDERED and this case is DISMISSED.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons and entities identified in the attachment to this Order.

³ Accordingly, the Commission dismisses as moot the August 27, 2024 motion filed by Atmos Energy Corporation to discontinue quarterly reporting requirement.