

IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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IN RE:

UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY,
a Division of ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION INCENTIVE PLAN
ACCOUNT (IPA) AUDIT

CONSOLIDATED DOCKET NOS.
01-00704 and 02-00850

UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY,
a Division of ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION, PETITION
TO AMEND THE PERFORMANCE
BASED RATEMAKING
MECHANISM RIDER

CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE RESPONSE

Comes now Paul G. Summers, Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), and hereby respectfully requests an additional seven (7) days to file a response to Atmos Energy Corporation's Motion For Reconsideration To Hearing Officer..

I. INTRODUCTION

This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") for review of consolidated dockets. In TRA Docket No. 01-00704 Atmos Energy Corporation ("AEC") objects to the TRA Staff's audit finding regarding the performance based ratemaking mechanism ("PBR") approved by the TRA in TRA Docket No. 97-01364. In TRA Docket No. 02-00850 AEC seeks to amend the PBR. The Consumer Advocate objects to the extraordinary relief sought by AEC in these dockets. On March 14, 2006, the Hearing Officer ruled against AEC on all matters at issue. On March 29,

2006, AEC filed a motion requesting the Hearing Officer to reconsider her decision. The Consumer Advocate objects to the relief sought by AEC in its motion to reconsider.

II. ARGUMENT

As grounds for its request for additional time to file a responsive pleading, the Consumer Advocate states that lead counsel in this matter was out of town for the period of March 29, 2006 through April 2, 2006. As a consequence, the Consumer Advocate has not had time to properly prepare it's responsive pleading, but will be able to do so by April 12, 2006.

III. CONCLUSION

The foregoing considered, the Consumer Advocate respectfully requests that the time for the filing of responsive pleadings to AEC's motion to reconsider be extended to 4:30 PM, April 12, 2006.

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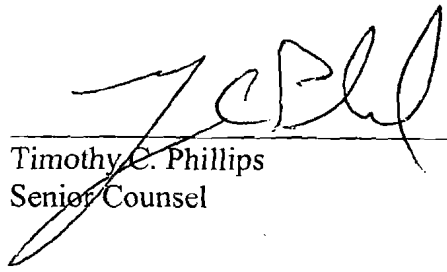
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail, and either facsimile or hand delivery on Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

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