

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 7, 2006

IN RE:

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

**PETITION OF UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY
TO AMEND THE PERFORMANCE BASED
RATEMAKING MECHANISM RIDER TO ITS TARIFF**

**DOCKET NO.
01-00704**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE RESPONSE

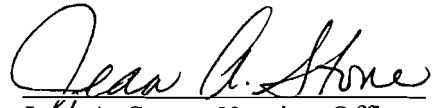
This matter came before the Hearing Officer upon the filing of the *Consumer Advocate's Motion to Extend Time to File Response* ("Motion") by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") on April 5, 2006. On March 14, 2006, the *Initial Order of Hearing Officer on the Merits* was issued. Atmos Energy Corporation filed *Atmos Energy Corporation's Motion for Reconsideration to Hearing Officer* on March 29, 2006.

In the *Motion*, the Consumer Advocate requests an additional seven (7) days to file a response to *Atmos Energy Corporation's Motion for Reconsideration to Hearing Officer*. The Consumer Advocate states that its lead counsel in this matter has been out of town and, consequently, has not had time to prepare its responsive pleading. Therefore, the Consumer Advocate requests that the time for filing its pleading be extended to 4:30 p.m. on April 12, 2006.

The Hearing Officer finds that the Consumer Advocate's request is reasonable and should be granted. The Hearing Officer further finds that the extension of time for the filing of the Consumer Advocate's responsive pleading will not impact the deadline set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-317(c) (2005).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The *Consumer Advocate's Motion to Extend Time to File Response* is granted and the deadline for the Consumer Advocate to file its responsive pleading is extended to 4:30 p.m. on April 12, 2006.


Jean A. Stone, Hearing Officer