

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**July 30, 2008**

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| <b>IN RE:</b>                               | ) |                                 |
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| <b>UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY a Division</b> | ) | <b>Consolidated Docket Nos.</b> |
| <b>of ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION</b>          | ) | <b>01-00704 and 02-00850</b>    |
| <b>INCENTIVE PLAN (IPA) AUDIT</b>           | ) |                                 |
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| <b>UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY a Division</b> | ) |                                 |
| <b>Of ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION,</b>         | ) |                                 |
| <b>PETITION TO AMEND THE PERFORMANCE</b>    | ) |                                 |
| <b>BASED RATEMAKING MECHANISM RIDER</b>     | ) |                                 |

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**JOINT MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

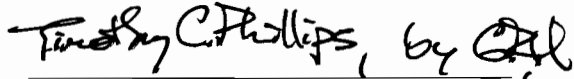
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The parties, the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Staff of the Utilities Division (“TRA Staff”, participating as a party to the above named dockets), and Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”), hereby jointly move to amend the procedural schedule. In support of this Joint Motion, the parties respectfully show the Hearing Officer as follows:

On May 20, 2008, Atmos filed the *Direct Testimony of Frank H. Creamer*. On June 27, 2008, the *Joint Discovery Request of the Consumer Advocate and TRA Staff to Atmos Energy Corp.* was filed. On July 11, 2008, *Atmos Energy’s Response to Joint Discovery Request of the Consumer Advocate and the TRA Staff* was filed. On July 11, 2008, a *Proposed Protective Order* was filed by the parties, which was then entered by the Hearing Officer on July 14, 2008.


Furthermore, the parties have been meeting face-to-face in an attempt to negotiate a settlement in this docket. Because the settlement negotiations are ongoing, the parties request to amend the procedural schedule set by the Hearing Officer at the June 18, 2008 Status Conference. The parties respectfully request that the Hearing Officer grant this motion, and adopt the amended procedural schedule which is attached as Exhibit A.

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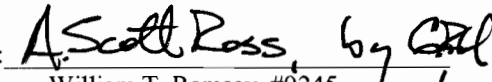
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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **PROPOSED AMENDED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| June 23 2008                 | Discovery requests due from Consumer Advocate and TRA Staff (limited to 30 discovery requests, including subparts); |
| July 11, 2008                | Discovery responses and objections due;   |
| August 29, 2008              | Consumer Advocate's pre-filed testimony due;  |
| September 8, 2008            | Discovery requests due from Atmos (limited to 20 additional discovery requests, including subparts);                |
| September 15, 2008           | Discovery responses and objections due;   |
| To be set by Hearing Officer | Pre-hearing Conference;   |
| To be set by Panel           | Hearing on the merits;  |
| To be set by Panel           | Post-hearing briefs due.  |