

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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In re: Petition to Open an Investigation to Determine )  
Whether Atmos Energy Corp. Should be Required by )  
the TRA to Appear and Show Cause That Atmos )  
Energy Corp. Is Not Overearning in Violation of )  
Tennessee Law and That it Is Charging Rates That Are )  
Just and Reasonable )

Docket No. 05-00258

**CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S RESPONSE TO HEARING OFFICER'S ORDER OF JUNE  
22, 2006, GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR ATMOS TO FILE RESPONSES TO  
DISCOVERY REQUESTS**

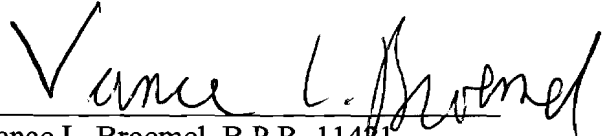
In his Order of June 22, 2006, the Hearing Officer granted the request of Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" ) for an extension of time in which to file responses to certain discovery requests pending an appeal of the Hearing Officer's Order of June 14, 2006, to the full panel of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA"). The Tennessee Attorney General, by and through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("Consumer Advocate"), does not oppose the request for the extension of time to Atmos but does request an extension of time in which to file its pre-filed testimony corresponding to the amount of time it takes to resolve the discovery dispute.

Currently pre-filed testimony is due on July 14, 2006. Discovery responses were due Friday, June 23, 2006. At this time it is not clear when discovery responses will be received. Given the compressed schedule of this case, the Consumer Advocate believes that the time to file its pre-filed testimony should be extended by a period equal to the time after June 23, 2006, it takes to resolve this discovery dispute, including the time it takes to receive any material. Because the TRA's

resolution of this dispute will affect the Consumer Advocate's analysis and pre-filed testimony, it requests this extension no matter how the dispute is resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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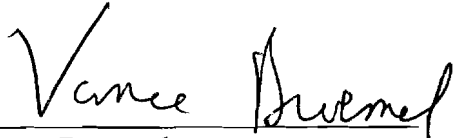
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