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Ron Jones, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: *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 Number: 05-00258

Dear Chairman Jones:

On Friday afternoon, counsel for Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") made an unscheduled "Response" to the June 16, 2006 letter from Atmos Intervention Group ("AIG") to Chairman Ron Jones, acting in your capacity as Hearing Officer in the above-captioned case.

AIG will make a complete reply to Atmos' filing at a later date. There are, however, some misstatements in the filing that require a more immediate response.

1. Atmos states that the Authority has issued "an order . . . requiring AIG to publicly identify all of its members."

No such order has been issued. The Hearing Officer received a request from Director Miller asking the Hearing Officer to require each attorney to disclose all of his or her clients. Chairman Jones asked each party to respond to Director Miller's request. AIG filed its response on June 16, 2006, identifying two AIG members and explaining why others wished to remain anonymous because of fear of retaliation by Atmos or its affiliate Atmos Energy Marketing. The Hearing Officer has not yet ruled on the issue of whether those other AIG members may remain anonymous.

2. Atmos states, "These filings also raise the question of who Mr. Walker's client is and who is compensating him for his work in this docket."

Mr. Walker's client is the Atmos Intervention Group, an informal group of industrial customers of Atmos. How Mr. Walker is compensated is privileged information and irrelevant to this case.

3. Atmos states that counsel for AIG "claims to speak on behalf of all Atmos Industrial customers."

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Counsel for AIG speaks for the group and has never claimed to speak for all Atmos Industrial customers.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Parties of record