

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

August 7, 2006

*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

**TRA INVESTIGATIVE STAFF RESPONSES TO DATA REQUESTS
OF THE UTILITY DIVISION OF THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

The TRA Investigative Staff ("Staff") responds to the July 21, 2006 Data Requests of the Utility Division of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority as follows.

QUESTION 1. **Provide a rate design generating the revenue deficiency or surplus put forth in Staff Exhibit 1. Also provide the supporting price-out demonstrating the revenue effect of the design.**

RESPONSE: A revenue surplus of \$9,177,524 would generate an overall base rate reduction of 16.84%,
[9,177,524 / 54,491,796 (gross margin)].

QUESTION 2. **Please provide an explanation of the calculations made to determine the Total Margin calculated in DM1 as well as the growth figures and percentages.**

RESPONSE: See response of the CAPD to this question.

QUESTION 3. **Please provide the Excel Spreadsheet for Exhibit DM5.**

RESPONSE: See response of the CAPD to this question.

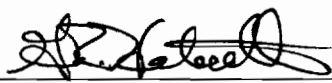
QUESTION 4. Provide the calculations for each line item in CAPD Exhibit Schedule 4.

RESPONSE: See response of the CAPD to this question.

QUESTION 5. What expense category and what amount has bare steel replacement costs been accounted for in the attrition year.

RESPONSE: See response of the CAPD to this question.

Respectfully submitted,

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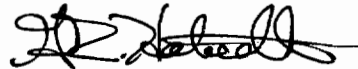
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