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Re: Docket No. 05-00258 - *In re: Petition of the Consumer Advocate to Open an Investigation to Determine Whether Atmos Energy Corp. Should be Required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority 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*

Messrs. Broemel and Walker:

This office is in receipt of your correspondence dated February 7, 2006. On this same date, the correspondence was filed in the docket file for Docket No. 05-00258. In your letter, you urge the Authority to give the investigation "top priority." Let me assure you that the investigation is a top priority of the agency and is being conducted in a deliberate and timely manner. I note that the Consumer Advocate proceeded with this matter by requesting that the Authority conduct the investigation of Atmos Energy Corporation. This path was chosen despite the availability of alternatives to the Consumer Advocate that would have afforded it a more active role in the investigation. Having taken on the role of investigator, this agency will work diligently to ensure that the investigation is properly conducted.

Sincerely,


Ron Jones, Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Paul G. Summers, Attorney General
Director Sara Kyle
Director Pat Miller
Docket File for Docket No. 05-00258