# IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: PETITION TO OPEN AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER ATMOS ENERGY CORP.	Electronically filed on 9/8/06 @ 1:55pm
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	Docket No. 05-00258
AND REASONABLE )	

## ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S LATE FILED EXHIBIT ON TELEMETERING

#### INTRODUCTION

At the hearing on August 31, 2006, Director Jones and Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") witness Danny Bertotti had the following exchange:

DIRECTOR JONES: I asked Ms. Childers whether there were any transportation customers who do not have telemetering.

MR. BERTOTTI: We do have a handful. They're mostly the asphalt plants where it's hard for them to get a phone line out there.

We're trying to work now to get some sort of cellular device installed so that we can get them up on telemetering as quickly as possible before these rates go into effect.

They have electronics in place, just the phone lines aren't connected. And we're trying to get some sort of cellular service there for them so that they can use that instead of running wiring out to their meters.

DIRECTOR JONES: Do you have a sense of how many customers you're talking about here?

MR. BERTOTTI: It's one customer that got three plants. One company that has three plants, one in Murfreesboro, one in Franklin, one in Columbia.

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DIRECTOR JONES: So with the exception of this one customer with the three plants, all of your transportation customers currently have telemetering in place?

MR. BERTOTTI: That I'm aware of. I am responsible for Middle Tennessee and West Tennessee area. I don't know if that's a hundred percent the case for East Tennessee customers or not. But in my area that I'm aware of, it's just those customers. . . .

(8/31/2006 Hearing Tr. (Vol. IX) at pp. 93-94.) So that the record is complete, counsel for Atmos offered to get the information for East Tennessee and make that a late filed Exhibit.

## LATE-FILED EXHIBIT RESPONSE

Here is a list of the eight Atmos transportation customers in Tennessee currently without telemetering (which includes one additional customer in Mr. Bertotti's area that was discovered in checking his customer list):

Total Tennessee Customers Without Telemetering		
Customer No.	Number of Locations	Location(s)
1	3	Franklin, Columbia, and Murfreesboro
2	1	Franklin
3	1	Bristol
4	1	Bristol
5	1	Bristol
6	1	Bristol
7	1	Greeneville
8	1	Bristol

For Customer No. 1, the three locations are all asphalt plants and it is difficult to extend phone lines to the meters, which are located in the rock quarries. Moreover, the asphalt plants do not use gas on cold winter days (typically, Atmos' peak days), so the telemetering equipment was not as critical. As Mr. Bertotti testified, now that a cellular device is an option, Atmos is attempting to get Customer No. 1 the telemetering equipment. As to Customer No. 2, the customer is in the process of obtaining a telephone line and Atmos' Operations Specialist has the electronics ready to be installed next week. Customers 3 through 7 are served on the firm transportation rates and it was a lower priority to get them converted to the telemetering

equipment. Atmos is in the process of getting these customers to install a phone line and have the equipment installed. As to Customer No. 8, this customer is a new transportation customer and the equipment has not yet been installed

Respectfully Submitted,

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