# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	)	
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S TARIFF FILING	)	Docket No. 07-00020
TO MODIFY AND ADD LANGUAGE REGARDING	)	
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (TARIFF NO. 2007-0021)	)	

## CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S DISCOVERY REQUESTS TO ALL OTHER PARTIES

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., the Attorney General & Reporter for the State of Tennessee, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of Attorney General (hereinafter "Consumer Advocate"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 and the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, respectfully submits these discovery requests to all other parties in this docket. The other parties in this docket currently include Atmos Energy Corporation, Atmos Intervention Group, Stand Energy Corporation, and Southstar Energy Services LLC d/b/a Georgia Natural Gas.

This Discovery Request is hereby served upon the other parties in this docket, pursuant to Rules 26, 33, 34 and 36 of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1220-1-2-.11. We request that full and complete responses be provided pursuant to the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure. The responses are to be produced at the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter, Consumer Advocate and Protection Division, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, c/o Stephen Butler.

#### PRELIMINARY MATTERS AND DEFINITIONS

Each discovery request calls for all knowledge, information and material available to Party, as a party, whether it be Party's, in particular, or knowledge, information or material

possessed or available to Party's attorney or other representative.

These discovery requests are to be considered continuing in nature, and are to be supplemented from time to time as information is received by Party which would make a prior response inaccurate, incomplete, or incorrect. In addition, the Attorney General requests that Party supplement responses hereto with respect to any question directly addressed to the identity and location of persons having knowledge of discoverable matters, and the identity of each person expected to be called as an expert at hearing, the subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify, and the substance of the expert's testimony.

These discovery requests are to be interpreted broadly to fulfill the benefit of full discovery. The singular of any discovery request includes the plural and the plural includes the singular. To assist you in providing full and complete discovery, the Attorney General provides the following definitional guidelines.

The terms "and" and "or" shall be construed conjunctively or disjunctively as necessary to include any information that might otherwise be construed outside the scope of these requests.

The term "communication" means any transmission of information by oral, graphic, pictorial or otherwise perceptible means, including but not limited to personal conversations, telephone conversations, letters, memoranda, telegrams, electronic mail, newsletters, recorded or handwritten messages, or otherwise.

For purposes of these discovery requests, the term "you" shall mean and include: the party and all employees, agents and representatives thereof.

The term "person" or "persons" as used herein refers to any natural person, corporation, firm, company, sole proprietorship, partnership, business, unincorporated association, or other

entity of any sort whatsoever. Where a company or organization is the party being served, all responses must include the company's response. Moreover, the company's designated person for responding must assure that the company provides complete answers. *A complete answer must provide a response which includes all matters known or reasonably available to the company.* 

The term "identity" and "identify" as used herein, with respect to any person, means to provide their name, date of birth, current residence address, current residence telephone number, current business address, current business telephone number, and the occupation or job title of that person; with respect to an entity, those terms mean to provide the name by which said entity is commonly known, the current address of its principal place of business, and the nature of business currently conducted by that entity; with respect to any document, those terms mean to provide the date of the document, the nature of the document, the title of the document, the reference number (if any) of the document, and the current location of the document, including the identity of the person or entity in possession of the document.

The term "document" as used herein, means any medium upon which intelligence or information can be recorded or retrieved, such as any written, printed, typed, drawn, filmed, taped, or recorded medium in any manner, however produced or reproduced, including but not limited to any writing, drawing, graph, chart, form, workpaper, spreadsheet, note, photograph, tape recording, computer disk or record, or other data compilation in any form without limitation. Produce the original and each copy, regardless of origin or location, of any book, pamphlet, periodical, letter, note, report, memorandum (including memoranda, note or report of a meeting or conversation), spreadsheet, photograph, videotape, audio tape, computer disk, e-mail, or any other written, typed, reported, transcribed, punched, taped, filmed, or graphic matter, however

produced or reproduced, which is in your possession, custody or control or which was, but is no longer, in your possession, custody, or control. If any such document was, but no longer is, in your possession or control, state what disposition was made of it and when. If a document exists in different versions, including any dissimilar copies (such as a duplicate with handwritten notes on one copy), each version shall be treated as a different document and <u>each</u> must be identified and produced.

If you produce documents in response to these discovery requests, produce the original of each document or, in the alternative, produce a copy of each document and identify the location of the original document. If the "original" document is itself a copy, that copy should be produced as the original.

If any objections are raised on the basis of privilege or immunity, include in your response a complete explanation concerning the privilege asserted.

If you contend that you are entitled to refuse to fully answer any of this discovery, state the exact legal basis for each such refusal.

If any of the interrogatories are not answered on the basis of privilege or immunity, include in your response to each such interrogatory a written statement evidencing:

- (a) the nature of the communication;
- (b) the date of the communication;
- (c) the identity of the persons present at such communication; and
- (d) a brief description of the communication sufficient to allow the Authority to rule on a motion to compel.

If, for any reason, you are unable to answer a discovery request fully, submit as much

information as is available and explain why your answer is incomplete. If precise information cannot be supplied, submit 1) your best estimate, so identified, and your basis for the estimate and 2) such information available to you as comes closest to providing the information requested. If you have reason to believe that other sources of more complete and accurate information exist, identify those sources.

If any information requested is not furnished as requested, state where and how the information may be obtained or extracted, the person or persons having knowledge of the procedure and the person instructing that the information be excluded.

- 1. Please identify each person whom you expect to call as an expert witness at the hearing on the merits in this docket, and for each such expert witness:
- (a) Identify the field in which the witness is to be offered as an expert;
- (b) Provide complete background information, including the witness's current employer, as well as his or her educational, professional and employment history, and qualifications within the field in which the witness is expected to testify;
- (c) Identify all publications written or presentations presented in whole or in part by the witness, including either a copy of all such publications and presentations or a reference to where such publications and presentations may be publicly obtained;
- (d) Provide the grounds (including without limitation any factual bases) for the opinions to which the witness is expected to testify, and provide a summary of the grounds for each such opinion;

- (e) Identify any matter in which the expert has testified (through deposition or otherwise) by specifying the name, docket number and forum of each case, the dates of the prior testimony and the subject of the prior testimony, and identify the transcripts of any such testimony;
- Identify the terms of the retention or engagement of each expert including but not limited to the terms of any retention or engagement letters or agreements relating to his/her engagement, testimony, and opinions as well as the compensation to be paid for the testimony and opinions;
- (g) Identify any exhibits to be used as a summary of or support for the testimony or opinions provided by the expert; and
- (h) Please produce copies of all documents, summaries, charts, trade articles, journals, treatises, publications, workpapers, file notes, chart notes, tests, test results, interview notes, and consultation notes provided to, reviewed by, utilized by, relied upon, created by, or produced by any proposed expert witness in evaluating, reaching conclusions or formulating an opinion in this matter.

### RESPONSE:

2. Please identify the name and location of all persons having knowledge of discoverable matters in this case.

RESPONSE:

3. Please produce copies of all documents referred to or relied upon in responding to these discovery requests.

RESPONSE:

4. Please produce copies of all hearing exhibits that you plan to introduce, use, or reference at the hearing on the merits in this docket.

RESPONSE:

5. Please produce copies of all documents -- including, without limitation, workpapers, spreadsheets, summaries, charts, notes, exhibits, articles, journals, treatises, periodicals, publications, reports, records, statements, Internet web pages, or financial information -- that you contend support the factual assertions, conclusions, or opinions of any of your witnesses in this matter.

RESPONSE:

6. Please produce copies of all documents -- including, without limitation, workpapers, spreadsheets, summaries, charts, notes, exhibits, articles, journals, treatises, periodicals, publications, reports, records, statements, Internet web pages, or financial information -- relied upon by any of your witnesses in evaluating, reaching conclusions, or formulating an opinion in this matter.

RESPONSE:

7. Please produce copies of all documents -- including, without limitation, workpapers, spreadsheets, summaries, charts, notes, and exhibits -- created by or for or prepared by or for any of your witnesses in evaluating, reaching conclusions, or formulating an opinion in this matter.

RESPONSE:

8. Please identify all information, documents and things filed in the docket record, including all responses to discovery of the parties and data requests from the TRA Staff, produced in this docket that you do not agree to the authenticity of such information, documents and things in this proceeding. For each separate piece of information, document and thing produced in this docket and that you contend is not admissible as evidence, describe in specific detail any objection(s) you claim as to admissibility into the evidentiary record in this docket.

RESPONSE:

9. Please provide all Excel (or other data files) containing the information provided in response to these request items.

RESPONSE:

10. Please state the issues that you contend to be included in this docket.

RESPONSE:

11. Please explain what you contend to be the appropriate resolution of each issue in this docket.

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12. Please describe what you contend to be the appropriate remedies in this docket.

RESPONSE:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the parties of record via U.S. Mail, commercial delivery, facsimile, e-mail or hand delivery on November 7, 2007.

Stephen R. Butler