

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**May 30, 2007**

**IN RE:**

**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S TARIFF  
FILING TO MODIFY AND ADD LANGUAGE  
REGARDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICE  
(TARIFF NO. 2007-0021)**

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**DOCKET NO.  
07-00020**

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**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF  
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

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This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Eddie Roberson and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 26, 2007 for consideration of Tariff No. 2007-0021 filed by Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") on January 10, 2007, with an effective date of February 9, 2007. On January 26, 2007, Atmos filed a letter revising the effective date of the Tariff to April 1, 2007. Atmos Intervention Group ("AIG") filed a response to the tariff filing on March 20, 2007, and petitions to intervene were filed by AIG and Southstar Energy Services LLC d/b/a Georgia Natural Gas on March 21 and March 26, 2007, respectively.

During the March 26, 2007 Authority Conference, the panel clarified that the tariff filing in this docket is not part of or consolidated with Authority Docket No. 05-00258.<sup>1</sup> The panel voted unanimously to suspend the proposed tariff through May 1, 2007. The panel

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<sup>1</sup> See *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*, Docket No. 05-00258.

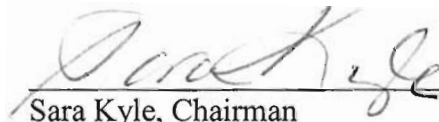
also voted unanimously to allow any entity desiring to file a complaint with the Authority in compliance with TRA Rule 1220-1-2-.02(4) to do so no later than April 2, 2007. Such complaint shall state the nature of the interest of the entity, the grounds for any objection to the tariff and the relief sought by the entity. Additionally, such filing must be accompanied by documentation and calculations supporting the complaint. Further, the panel determined that if AIG wants the panel to take administrative notice of the evidentiary record presented in Docket No. 05-00258, it must reference that specific evidence relating to this tariff in its request. If a complaint is filed, Atmos will have until April 9, 2007 to file its response. In the event such filings are made, the panel voted to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to act as the Hearing Officer in this docket to consider the filings and make a recommendation to the panel whether a contested case proceeding should be convened and, if necessary, to modify the filing dates.

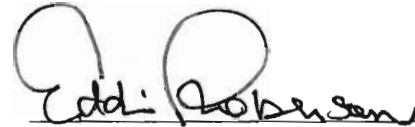
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

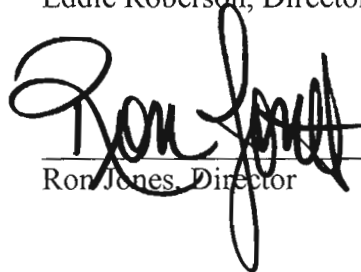
1. The tariff filing in this docket shall not be a part of or consolidated with Authority Docket No. 05-00258.
2. The tariff proposed by Atmos Energy Corporation and assigned Tariff No. 2007-0021 is suspended through May 1, 2007.
3. Any entity desiring to file a complaint with the Authority in compliance with TRA Rule 1220-1-2-.02(4) shall do so no later than April 2, 2007. Such complaint shall state the nature of the interest of the entity, the grounds for any objection to the tariff and the relief sought by the entity and shall be accompanied by documentation and calculations supporting the complaint.
4. If Atmos Intervention Group requests the panel to take administrative notice of the evidentiary record presented in Docket No. 05-00258, it shall reference in its request the specific evidence in Docket No. 05-00258 that relates to the tariff in this docket.

5. If a complaint is filed, Atmos Energy Corporation shall have until April 9, 2007 to file its response.

6. The Authority's General Counsel or his designee is appointed Hearing Officer in this docket to consider the filings of the parties and make a recommendation to the panel whether a contested case proceeding should be convened and, if necessary, to modify filing dates.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
Eddie Roberson, Director

  
Ron Jones, Director