

**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)** )

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**CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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Robert E. Cooper, Jr., the Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, respectfully petitions to intervene in this docket on behalf of the public interest, because issues that affect the interests of Tennessee consumers will be addressed in this docket. For cause, the Consumer Advocate would show as follows:

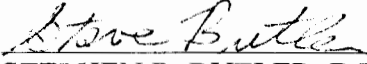
1. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to initiate a contested case and participate or intervene in proceedings to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and with Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") rules and regulations.
2. Atmos Energy Corporation ("the Company") is regulated by the TRA. The Company sells and distributes natural gas to Tennessee consumers.
3. The natural gas transportation issues raised by the tariff filing in this docket affect the interests of Tennessee consumers. Tennessee consumers have an interest in the establishment and preservation of a fair system to handle natural gas transportation, imbalances, penalties, and other issues implicated by the tariff.

4. By intervening and participating in this proceeding, the Consumer Advocate will be able to work to protect the public interest.

Wherefore, the Consumer Advocate respectfully asks the TRA to grant the petition to intervene in this docket.

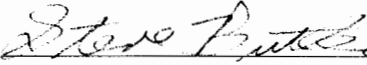
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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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 June 26, 2007.

  
Stephen R. Butler