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RE: Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Tariff Establishing Environmental Cost Recovery Rider; TRA Docket 07-00081

Dear Directors Miller and Jones:

Please find the attached motion that I plan to make in our scheduled Authority Conference on July 9, 2007, in the above-referenced docket. For your convenience, I am filing this today in order that you have sufficient time for review before we deliberate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Roberson'.

Eddie Roberson, Ph.D.
Chairman

/vln

Attachment

c: Docket File 07-00081

Chairman Roberson's Motion
Docket No. 07-00081

On March 29, 2007, Atmos Energy Corporation filed its Petition in this docket. On April 16, 2007, the panel voted to convene a contested case and to appoint General Counsel or his designee as Hearing Officer to prepare the case for a hearing. The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General and the Atmos Intervention Group filed petitions to intervene, which were granted by the Hearing Officer.

On June 26, 2007, the Consumer Advocate filed a motion to consolidate this docket with TRA Docket Nos. 07-00020 and 07-00105. Atmos responded on July 6, 2007.

As noted in my motion in Docket No. 07-00105, I serve as the Hearing Officer in that rate case. At this point, the parties are near the end of discovery in 07-00105 and we are at different stages in the other two dockets. There are different counsel and different parties in each of the dockets. The issues are not all overlapping. I find that the consolidation of these dockets would hamper efficiency, would not promote judicial or administrative economy and could lead to delays. Therefore, I move that we deny the Motion to Consolidate this Docket with Dockets 07-00020 and 07-00105.