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RE: Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of a General Rate Increase
TRA Docket 07-00105

Dear Directors Miller and Kyle:

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,

Eddie Roberson, Ph.D.
Chairman

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Attachment

c: Docket File 07-00105

Chairman Roberson's Motion
Docket No. 07-00105

Atmos Energy Corporation filed its Petition in this docket on May 4, 2007. I was appointed as Hearing Officer by the panel on May 15 and on May 31 issued an order that, among other things, set a procedural schedule with a hearing date of October 3, 2007.

On June 26, 2007, the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General filed a motion to consolidate this docket with TRA Docket Nos. 07-00020 and 07-00081. Atmos responded on July 6, 2007.

At this point, the parties are near the end of discovery in this docket 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 07-00081.