

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

July 9, 2007

*In re: Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for)
Approval of Adjustment of Its Rates and Revised)
Tariff)*

Docket No. 07-00105

**ATMOS INTERVENTION GROUP'S RESPONSES TO ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION'S FIRST ROUND OF DISCOVERY**

The Atmos Intervention Group ("AIG") hereby submits the following responses to the First Set of Discovery Requests from Atmos Energy Corporation (the "Company") propounded upon AIG.

REQUEST

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 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;

f. Identify the terms of the retention or engagement of each expert including but not limited to the terms of any retention or engagement letters of 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: AIG will offer the testimony of Hal Novak. His background and qualifications are attached. It is anticipated that his testimony will be similar to the testimony he gave in Atmos' last rate case, Docket 05-00258. (See below.)

1 **Q.** Would you state your name, business address and occupation for the record,
2 please?

3 A. My name is William H. Novak. My business address is 19 Morning Arbor Place,
4 The Woodlands, TX, 77381. I am the owner of WHN Consulting, a utility
5 consulting and expert witness services company.

6 **Q.** Please provide a summary of your background and professional experience.

7 A. I have both a Bachelors degree in Business Administration with a major in
8 Accounting, and a Masters degree in Business Administration from Middle
9 Tennessee State University. I am also licensed to practice as a Certified Public
10 Accountant in Tennessee.

11 My work experience has centered around regulated utilities for over 24 years.
12 Before establishing WHN Consulting, I was Chief of the Energy & Water
13 Division of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority where I had either presented
14 testimony or advised the Authority on a host of regulatory issues for over 19
15 years. In addition, I was previously the Director of Rates & Regulatory Analysis
16 for two years with Atlanta Gas Light Company, a natural gas distribution utility
17 with operations in Georgia and Tennessee. I also served for two years as the Vice
18 President of Regulatory Compliance for Sequent Energy Management, a natural
19 gas trading and optimization company in Texas.

20 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

21 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present Atmos Intervention Group's ("AIG's")
22 recommended structural changes (other than rates) to the industrial tariffs of
23 Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or "the Company") for the TRA's
24 consideration. I have also prepared draft industrial tariffs that incorporate these
25 recommendations as Exhibits AIG-1 through AIG-5.

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

RESPONSE: Hal Novak. See response to Question 1.

3. 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: This information will be filed along with AIG's testimony.

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

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing is being forwarded via U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to:

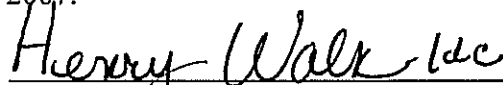
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