

**IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	DOCKET NO. 07-00105
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL AND)	
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES AND)	
REVISED TARIFF)	
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PETITION TO INTERVENE

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 consumers may be adversely affected by the requested rate increase of Atmos Energy Corporation. For cause, the Petitioner would show as follows:

1. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers by initiating contested cases and by participating or intervening in proceedings in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and Tennessee Regulatory Authority rules.

2. Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) is a public utility regulated by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“Authority”). Atmos sells and distributes natural gas to consumers in the State of Tennessee. Atmos’s principal place of business is 810 Crescent Centre Drive, Suite 600,

Franklin, Tennessee 37067-6226.

3. On May 4, 2007, Atmos filed with the Authority the Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Adjustment of Its Rates and Revised Tariff to become effective November 1, 2007. If the Authority approves the petition of Atmos in its present form, rates for consumers would be raised and revenues for Atmos would be increased by \$11,055,188 annually.

4. The Consumer Advocate has conducted a preliminary review of this matter and believes that an increase in customer rates may not be warranted or that the amount of the requested increase may be too high and may not be just and reasonable under the attendant circumstances.

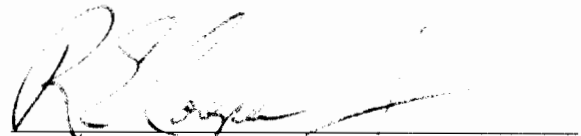
5. Additional investigation and discovery will be needed to determine whether any increase in customer rates is warranted and, if so, the appropriate amount of any such increase.

6. The Authority has not yet convened a contested case proceeding in this matter.

7. Only by intervening and participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

Wherefore, Petitioner asks the Authority to grant the Petition to Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Cooper, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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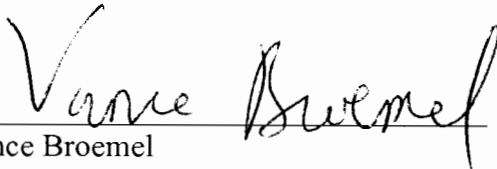
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail or facsimile on May 11, 2007 to:

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