

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 15, 2008

IN RE:

**DOCKET TO EVALUATE
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S
GAS PURCHASES AND RELATED
SHARING INCENTIVES**

DOCKET NO. 07-00225

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

This docket came before the Hearing Officer to consider a request from Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC ("AEM") to extend the deadline for filing a response to the First Round of Discovery Requests from the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter, Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("CAD") and the Atmos Intervention Group ("AIG").

In the *Order On December 13, 2007 Status Conference* issued December 21, 2007, the Hearing Officer adopted a procedural schedule that required First Round Discovery Responses and Objections to be filed on February 19, 2008. AEM filed a Motion on February 15, 2008 requesting a seven (7) day extension, until Tuesday, February 26, 2008, of this deadline. AEM consulted with the CAD and AIG. Both parties informed AEM that they do not oppose AEM's request.¹ Accordingly, the Hearing Officer finds that AEM's request is reasonable, that it will not unduly delay the prompt and orderly conduct of this proceeding, and that the CAD's concerns will be addressed.

¹ AEM notes in its Motion that "[t]hough the CAD does not oppose this Motion, it has expressed substantial concern to AEM over the impact to the remainder of the procedural schedule, particularly adequate time to prepare and submit its March 27, 2008, Pre-filed Testimony. AEM recognizes this concern and will work with the CAD, and other parties, to resolve the same in some appropriate manner."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The request of Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC to extend the time for filing a response to the First Round Discovery Responses from Tuesday, February 19, 2008 to Tuesday, February 26, 2008 is granted.

/s/

Ron Jones, Director
Acting as Hearing Officer²

² During the deliberations in Docket Nos. 05-00253 and 05-00258 on August 20, 2007, the panel voted to open a new docket and appointed Director Jones to serve as the Hearing Officer for the purposes of preparing the newly-opened docket for hearing by the panel. *See* Transcript of Authority Conference, pp. 36-50 (Aug. 20, 2007).