

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**December 16, 2010**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>DOCKET TO EVALUATE ATMOS ENERGY</b>	)	<b>07-00225</b>
<b>CORPORATION'S GAS PURCHASES AND</b>	)	
<b>RELATED SHARING INCENTIVES</b>	)	

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**ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME  
& SETTING DATE FOR JOINT STATUS REPORT**

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This matter is before the Hearing Officer upon the filing of comments by Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos"),<sup>1</sup> the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Advocate & Protection Division ("Consumer Advocate"),<sup>2</sup> and Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC ("AEM")<sup>3</sup> (collectively, the "parties") in response to the *Notice of Filing Comments* issued by the Hearing Officer on November 9, 2010. In their comments, each of the parties indicates ongoing progress toward settlement of the issues and requests forty-five days in which to continue their negotiations to final resolution.

The Hearing Officer appreciates the filings of the parties and is pleased to learn of the parties' efforts to amicably resolve the outstanding issues. Inasmuch as the parties' individual requests evidence a spirit of unity and endeavor to expedite these proceedings, such are well taken and hereby granted.

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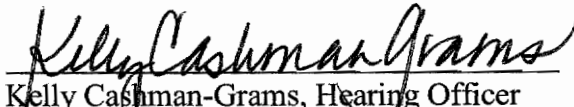
<sup>1</sup> See *Response of Atmos Energy Corporation to the Hearing Officer's November 9, 2010 Request for Comments* (December 14, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> See *Comments of the Consumer Advocate* (December 15, 2010).

<sup>3</sup> See *Atmos Energy Marketing LLC's Response to Authority's November 9, 2010 Notice of Filing* (December 15, 2010).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

As requested, the parties are granted additional time in which to engage in settlement negotiations. Accordingly, the parties are directed to file a status report on these proceedings in the docket file by **February 1, 2011**.

  
Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer