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NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

Docket No.: 07-00225

In Re: *Docket to Evaluate Atmos Energy Corporation's Gas Purchases and Related Sharing Incentives*

Date: December 5, 2007

The Hearing Officer has scheduled a Status Conference in the above-captioned proceeding for **Thursday, December 13, 2007**, beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the Hearing Room at 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee. This scheduling is in accordance with the procedural schedule adopted in the *Order on November 5, 2007 Pre-Hearing Conference* issued on November 8, 2007. The Status Conference is scheduled to:

1. finalize the issues list;
2. rule on the oral motion of Atmos Energy Corporation requesting that the Authority enter an order allowing it to defer the costs associated with litigating this docket;
3. set further dates in the procedural schedule; and
4. hear any other matters the parties wish to raise.


In preparation for this Status Conference, the parties are encouraged to discuss and ideally agree on the resolution of the following issues/topics that were raised during the November 5, 2007, Pre-Hearing Conference:

1. the need for two discovery rounds prior to the filing of pre-filed direct testimony by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division and Stand Energy Corporation;
2. the number of discovery requests that the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division and Stand Energy Corporation will be permitted to submit to Atmos Energy Corporation;
3. whether discovery requests that mirror a factual issue on the issues list should be counted against a party's allowed number of discovery requests; and
4. the scope of the subject of the questions to be asked as part of the second round of discovery propounded in advance of the pre-filed direct testimony.

Attached hereto are two possible procedural schedules for the parties' consideration. These proposals are offered simply to facilitate discussion.

Participants who wish to participate via telephone should contact Sharla Dillon at 741-2904 ext. 136 or 1-800-342-8359 by **Tuesday, December 11, 2007**, to make arrangements for doing so. Participants with disabilities who require special accommodations or alternate communications formats should contact the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ADA-EEO/AA Coordinator/Officer, at 741-2904 or 1-800-342-8359 so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

For the Tennessee Regulatory Authority:



Ron Jones, Director
Acting as Hearing Officer

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Attachment

Proposed Procedural Schedules

PROPOSAL ONE		PROPOSAL TWO	
Action	Date	Action	Date
1st Round Discovery Requests Issued	Thursday Dec. 20, 2007	1st Round Discovery Requests Issued	Thursday Dec. 20, 2007
1st Round Discovery Responses and Objections	Thursday Jan. 10, 2008	1st Round Discovery Responses and Objections	Thursday Jan. 10, 2008
1st Round Motions to Compel Filed	Thursday Jan. 24, 2008	1st Round Motions to Compel Filed	Thursday Jan. 24, 2008
1st Round Responses to Motions to Compel Filed	Thursday Jan. 31, 2008	1st Round Responses to Motions to Compel Filed	Thursday Jan. 31, 2008
Status Conference on 1st Round Motions to Compel (if necessary)	Wednesday Feb. 6, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.	Status Conference on 1st Round Motions to Compel (if necessary)	Wednesday Feb. 6, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
1st Round Discovery Responses Required by Order on Motions to Compel Filed	Monday Feb. 11, 2008	1st Round Discovery Responses Required by Order on Motions to Compel Filed	Monday Feb. 11, 2008
Pre-Filed Direct Testimony, if any, filed by CAPD, Stand and AEM	Monday Feb. 25, 2008	2nd Round Discovery Requests Issued	Tuesday Feb. 19, 2008
2nd Round Discovery Requests Issued	Wednesday Feb. 27, 2008	2nd Round Discovery Responses and Objections	Tuesday Feb. 26, 2008
2nd Round Discovery Responses and Objections	Wednesday Mar. 5, 2008	2nd Round Motions to Compel Filed	Tuesday Mar. 4, 2008
2nd Round Motions to Compel Filed	Wednesday Mar. 12, 2008	2nd Round Responses to Motions to Compel Filed	Tuesday Mar. 11, 2008
2nd Round Responses to Motions to Compel Filed	Wednesday Mar. 19, 2008	Status Conference on 2nd Round Motions to Compel (if necessary)	Thursday Mar. 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
Status Conference on 2nd Round Motions to Compel (if necessary)	Tuesday Mar. 25, 2008	2nd Round Discovery Responses Required by Order on Motions to Compel Filed	Tuesday Mar. 18, 2008
2nd Round Discovery Responses Required by Order on Motions to Compel Filed	Friday Mar. 28, 2008	Pre-Filed Direct Testimony, if any, filed by CAPD, Stand and AEM	Tuesday Mar. 25, 2008
Pre-Filed Direct and Rebuttal Testimony of Atmos Filed	Friday Apr. 4, 2008	Pre-Filed Direct and Rebuttal Testimony of Atmos Filed	Tuesday Apr. 8, 2008
Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony of CAPD, Stand and AEM Filed, if any	Friday Apr. 11, 2008	Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony of CAPD, Stand and AEM Filed, if any	Tuesday Apr. 15, 2008
Pre-Hearing Conference (if necessary)	Friday Apr. 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.	Pre-Hearing Conference (if necessary)	Friday Apr. 18, 2008 At 9:00 a.m.
Hearing on the Merits by the Panel	Tuesday Apr. 22, 2008 to Friday Apr. 25, 2008	Hearing on the Merits by the Panel	Tuesday Apr. 22, 2008 to Friday Apr. 25, 2008
Post-Hearing Briefs (with cited authorities attached)	Friday May 16, 2008	Post-Hearing Briefs (with cited authorities attached)	Friday May 16, 2008