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**RE: In Re: Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Contract(s)
Regarding Gas Commodity Requirements, Etc., TRA Docket No. 08-00024**

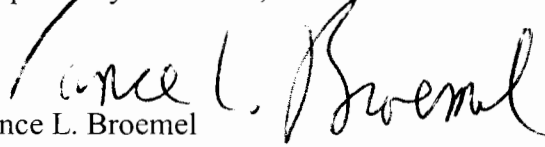
Dear Ms. Standley:

This letter is in response to your request of June 25, 2008, in which you asked the Consumer Advocate whether redactions to the Atmos Energy Corporation Base Contract (also known as the asset management contract) proposed by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") were acceptable to us in the event the TRA decided to make the currently confidential contract available to the public. As you know, it is the position of the Consumer Advocate that the annual amount of the asset management contract should be made public. Accordingly, while the Consumer Advocate appreciates the efforts of the TRA to make more information about the asset management contract available to the public, we still believe that the annual amount of the contract should be part of the publicly available portion of the contract. Since your proposed redactions include the redaction of the annual amount, we cannot agree that the proposed redactions satisfy our wishes.

This is not to say, however, that we want you to abandon the idea of publicly filing the proposed redacted document. In this situation half a loaf is better than none, so we urge you to file as much of the contract as possible. With regard to your request about legal authorities supporting our position, we have none to add to the briefs we have already filed in this docket.

Again, thanks for your efforts in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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