

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:)
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REQUEST OF ATMOS ENERGY) **Docket No. 08-00024**
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL)
OF CONTRACT(S) REGARDING GAS)
COMMODITY REQUIREMENTS AND)
MANAGEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/)
STORAGE CONTRACTS)
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**REPLY OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION TO
CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S RESPONSE**

Atmos Energy Corporation submits this reply to address, and correct, one specific factual point repeated in the Consumer Advocate's latest brief. As one of its arguments for disclosure of the annual payment under the *current* Asset Management Contract, the CAPD asserts that Atmos voluntarily disclosed the annual payment under the *former* agreement. In fact, however, AEC's disclosure of that amount did not come until after the annual amount already had been publicly disclosed by TRA Staff in its audit report in docket number 05-00253, filed on April 21, 2006, Page 15, footnote 5. By the time Atmos later cited the amount of the annual payment under the former contract, it appears the cat was already out of the bag.

It also bears emphasis that the annual payment under the *current* Asset Management Agreement has *not* been publicly disclosed. And if the CAPD's argument is that the disclosure of the annual component of the current agreement is justified so that the public can compare it to the old agreement, this fails too, because as discussed at some length in prior briefing there is no comparison between the two deals: one was an asset-management-only deal, and one combines

asset management with gas supply; the current deal has a whole variety of price points, not just a single annual payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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