BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., the Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), respectfully submits this limited reply to the response of Atmos Energy Corporation ("AEC") which was filed in this docket on July 10, 2008.

AEC asserts that it did not disclose the annual contract amount of the previous contract until after the Authority publicly disclosed this amount in an audit report filed in docket number 05-00253 on April 21, 2006. First, the fact that the Authority had disclosed the annual contract amount in an audit report does not negate AEC's own voluntary disclosure of the annual contract amount in an AEC pleading filed a year later in April 2007, a pleading that gave the annual contract amount more prominence than a mere mention in a footnote. *See* Consumer Advocate Brief at 7. Second, the Consumer Advocate agrees with the Authority's earlier decision to publicly disclose the previous annual contract amount — a decision which apparently caused no harm to AEC as it never objected to this disclosure or claimed any harm from it. The Consumer Advocate urges the Authority to

continue its sound decision-making in this regard and looks forward to the publication of the current annual contract amount in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

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