

**IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
<b>PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY</b>	)	
<b>CORPORATION FOR THE APPROVAL</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 08-00024</b>
<b>OF THE CONTRACT(S) REGARDING</b>	)	
<b>GAS COMMODITY REQUIREMENTS,</b>	)	
<b>ETC.</b>	)	

**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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 Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, petitions to intervene in this docket on behalf of the public interest, because the Consumer Advocate respectfully seeks the opportunity to advocate the consumers’ perspective for the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“Authority”) to consider during its review of a request by Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) for approval of asset management and gas commodity purchase contract(s). For cause, the Petitioner would show as follows:

1. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers by initiating contested cases and by participating or intervening in proceedings in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and Authority rules.
2. Atmos is a public utility regulated by the Authority. Atmos sells and distributes natural gas to consumers in the State of Tennessee. Atmos’s principal place of business in Tennessee is 810 Crescent Centre Drive, Suite 600, Franklin, Tennessee 37067.

3. On February 7, 2008, Atmos filed in this docket a copy of its request for proposal (“RFP”) for firm gas commodity requirements and management of the transportation and storage assets serving its Tennessee and Virginia jurisdictions. Atmos stated that “[o]nce the RFP and bidding process has been completed, Atmos will seek approval of any resulting contract.”

4. Atmos has not filed any contracts in this docket as of the date of this petition.

5. The Consumer Advocate respectfully seeks the opportunity to advocate the consumers’ perspective for the Authority to consider during its deliberations regarding whether to approve the proposed contract(s) that Atmos plans to submit in this case.

6. In a contested case proceeding pending before the Authority in docket number 08-00012, the Consumer Advocate was granted intervention into a matter involving a similar request of Chattanooga Gas Company for approval of its asset management contract. Also, in a contested case proceeding pending before the Authority in docket number 07-00225, the Consumer Advocate is presently involved in litigating issues regarding Atmos’s existing contracts for firm gas commodity requirements and management of the transportation and storage assets serving its Tennessee and Virginia jurisdictions. The interests of Atmos’s customers may be similarly affected in this proceeding regarding Atmos’s proposed contract(s).

7. Once Atmos submits the proposed contract(s), the Consumer Advocate will seek to review the contract(s), as well as the underlying benefits and costs of the contract(s) for consumers. The Consumer Advocate may request the Authority to either modify or disapprove the contract(s) after such review.

8. Only by intervening and participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

Wherefore, Petitioner respectfully asks the Authority to convene a contested case proceeding and grant the Petition to Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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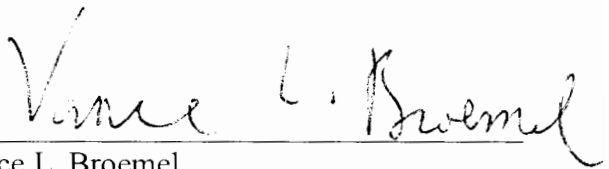
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