

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

**IN RE:** )  
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**GENERIC CONTESTED CASE TO** )  
**ANALYZE AND EVALUATE THE** ) **Docket No. 08-00064**  
**COST-BENEFITS AND FUNDING** )  
**MECHANISMS FOR ENERGY** )  
**CONSERVATION RESEARCH** )

**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Atmos Energy Corporation (“AEC” or “Company”), by and through its counsel, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 65-2-107 and § 4-5-310 and Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“TRA” or “Authority”) Rule 1220-1-2-.08, respectfully petitions to intervene in this docket as a party of record. In support of its petition, AEC states as follows:

1. At the February 11, 2008 TRA conference, the TRA voted unanimously in the Home Energy Conservation Docket (06-00309) to open a generic contested case docket in which to discuss issues related to energy conservation research, including but not limited to the selection of a research institution, funding mechanisms, and the cost-benefit of contributions to research and development. *See* March 19, 2008 TRA Order in Docket 06-00309, at 2.
2. Accordingly, the present docket was opened on April 23, 2008.
3. The Hearing Officer in this docket issued a Notice of Status Conference dated May 30, 2008, in which a status conference was scheduled for June 12, 2008, and any party wishing to participate was instructed to file a petition to intervene by June 9, 2008.
4. AEC did not become aware of the May 30, 2008 Notice until June 10, 2008.

5. As this docket was recently commenced, granting AEC's petition for intervention will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

6. AEC has participated in both the TRA's Home Energy Task Force and in TRA Docket 06-00309.

7. AEC, as a local distribution company, has an interest in the issue of energy conservation, including the funding of conservation research and development.

8. If this petition is granted, all notices, correspondence, copies of pleadings and orders should be sent to the following:

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9. As this docket is determining the funding mechanism for energy conservation research, AEC's legal rights, duties, and privileges may be affected by the outcome of these proceedings. Therefore, AEC respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene and participate in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served, via the method(s) indicated below, on the following counsel of record, this the 13 day of June, 2008.

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