

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

**IN RE:** )  
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**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION** ) **DOCKET NO. 08-00197**  
**PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF** )  
**RATES** )

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**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, by and through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, respectfully petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to convene a contested case and grant the Consumer Advocate’s intervention into this proceeding on behalf of the public interest, because consumers may be adversely affected by the rate increase and adjustment requested by Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”). For cause, 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 of public utilities services by initiating and intervening as a party in proceedings before the Authority 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’ principal place of business in Tennessee is 810 Crescent Centre Drive, Suite 600, Franklin, Tennessee 37067-6226.

3. On October 15, 2008, Atmos filed in the Authority a Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Adjustment of Its Rates and Revised Tariff to become effective on April 15, 2009. If the Authority were to approve the petition of Atmos in its present form, rates

for consumers would be raised and revenues for Atmos would be increased by \$6.29 million annually.

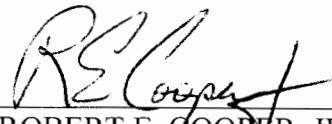
4. The Consumer Advocate alleges that an increase in customer rates may not be warranted or that the amount of the requested increase may be too high and may not be just and reasonable under attendant circumstances.

5. Additional investigation and discovery will be needed to determine whether an increase in customer rates is warranted and, if so, the appropriate amount of any such increase.

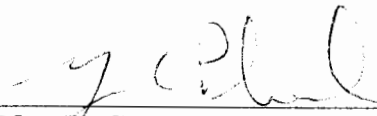
6. Only by participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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Dated: October \_\_\_\_, 2008.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene was served via U.S. Mail or electronic mail upon:

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