

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 28, 2008

IN RE:

**PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENT OF ITS
RATES AND REVISED TARIFF**

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**DOCKET NO.
08-00197**

**ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE AND
ESTABLISHING A PRELIMINARY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This matter came before the Hearing Officer upon the filing of the *Petition to Intervene* (“Petition”) by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) on October 17, 2008. As no response to that Petition has been filed to date, this Hearing Officer grants the Consumer Advocate’s intervention, without objection.

Any other party desiring to participate in this proceeding should file a Petition to Intervene not later than Wednesday, November 5, 2007. Petitions to Intervene filed by that date will be considered at the Status Conference set for Monday, November 10, 2008, immediately following the regularly scheduled Authority Conference at 1:00 p.m.

In order to expedite necessary discovery in this case, a preliminary procedural schedule is hereby established as follows:

November 4, 2008

First round of discovery requests

November 7, 2008

Objections to discovery requests; also, all parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule and proposed protective order

November 10, 2008

Status Conference (immediately following 1:00 p.m. Authority Conference); parties should be prepared to respond to any objections¹ to the first round of discovery requests

November 26, 2008

Response to first round of discovery requests

The remaining procedural schedule will be discussed and set at the November 10th Status Conference.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The *Petition to Intervene* filed on October 17, 2008 by the Consumer Advocate is granted. The Consumer Advocate may participate in this proceeding as its interests require and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents filed herein.
2. A preliminary procedural schedule is established as stated herein.
3. All filings are due no later than **2:00 p.m.** on the dates indicated in the preliminary procedural schedule. One copy of all discovery requests, objections and responses shall be filed with the Authority.



Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer

¹ If more than the allotted number of first round discovery requests as permitted by rule are served and filed, a motion for permission to exceed the allotment provided by rule shall accompany such request(s), and such motion will be addressed at the November 10th Status Conference.