

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

IN RE:)
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APPROPRIATENESS OF)
IMPLEMENTATION OF PURPA)
STANDARD 5 (ENERGY EFFICIENCIES))
AND STANDARD 6 (RATE DESIGN) **Docket No. 09-00065**
MODIFICATION) FOR PIEDMONT)
NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)
CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY, AND)
ATMOS ENERGY COMPANY)

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos” or the “Company”), pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 65-2-107 and Rule 1220-1-2-.08 of the Rules of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, respectfully petitions the Authority to enter an order permitting Atmos to intervene and participate in the above-captioned docket. In support of this Petition, Atmos shows the Authority the following:

1. Any notices or other communications with respect to this Petition should be sent to:

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2. Full name and address of the principal place of business of the Company are:

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3. On May 27, 2009, the Authority issued a Notice of Status Conference in this docket, which has been opened for the purpose of considering matters as required by Section 1307 of the Energy Independence & Security Act of 2007 ("EISA 2007"). Section 532(b) of EISA 2007 requires each natural gas utility to integrate energy efficiency resources into the plans and planning processes of the natural gas utility and to adopt policies that establish energy efficiency as a priority resource in the plans and planning processes of the natural gas utility. Further, the rates allowed to be charged by a natural gas utility shall align utility incentives with the deployment of cost-effective energy efficiency.

4. Atmos is a regulated natural gas public utility in Tennessee potentially subject to the requirements of Section 532 of EISA 2007. As such, Atmos is a proper party to intervene in this docket as it is subject to any determinations to be made by the Authority herein with respect to the above-mentioned matters and thus its legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests may be determined in these proceedings.

5. Based on these facts, Atmos has a valid and substantial interest in this proceeding. This interest cannot be adequately represented by other parties to this proceeding. Only by intervening and participating in this docket can Atmos properly protect its interests.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing Atmos respectfully requests that the Authority issue an order allowing it to intervene and fully participate in all proceedings 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 1st day June, 2009.

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