

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

**IN RE:**

**APPROPRIATENESS OF THE )  
IMPLEMENTATION OF PURPA ) DOCKET NO. 09-00065  
STANDARD 5 AND STANDARD 6 FOR )  
PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, )  
CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY AND )  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION )**

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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 grant the Consumer Advocate's intervention into this proceeding on behalf of the public interest, because consumers may be adversely affected by the issues and rate design concepts considered in this docket.

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.

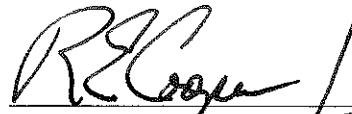
2. This docket has been opened for the purposes of considering matters within the Energy Independence & Security Act of 2007 ("2007 Act"). Provisions of the 2007 Act touch upon energy efficiency and rate design in connection with regulated natural gas utility rates paid

by Tennessee consumers. Consideration and adoption of energy efficiency policies and rate design changes may affect the rates paid by Tennessee consumers.

3. 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: June 3, 2009.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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