

2. Atmos is a public utility regulated by the Authority and provides natural gas services to consumers located in the State of Tennessee.


3. On March 3, 2011, Atmos filed in the Authority a *Petition for Approval of Contract Regarding Gas Commodity Requirements and Management of Transportation/Storage Contracts*, requesting that the Authority approve the proposed contract between Atmos and Atmos Energy Marketing LLC. The terms of the proposed contract could affect the charges and rates that Tennessee consumers of the services provided by Atmos will be expected to pay. Along with the Petition, Atmos filed a Proposed Protective Order which it alleges is necessary to protect confidential information contained in the testimony it proposes to file in this Docket.

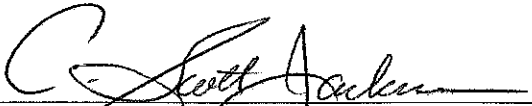
4. Additional investigation and discovery may be needed to determine whether the proposed contract between Atmos and Atmos Energy Marketing LLC is in the best interest of Tennessee consumers, and will necessarily include a review of the materials deemed confidential by Atmos.

5. Only by participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate review the materials covered by any Protective Order and work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully asks the Authority to grant the Petition to Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


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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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This the 31st day of March, 2011.


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