IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)	
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REQUEST OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF)	
CONTRACT(S) REGARDING GAS)	DOCKET NO. 11-00034
COMMODITY REQUIREMENTS)	
AND MANAGEMENT OF)	
TRANSPORTATION/STORAGE)	
CONTRACTS)	
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PETITION TO INTERVENE

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 ("TRA" or "Authority") to grant the Consumer Advocate's intervention into this proceeding on behalf of the public interest. The contract regarding commodity requirements and management of transportation/storage contracts which the Petitioner has submitted in this Docket will potentially have an effect on the costs and charges that consumers will be required to pay. 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 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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Dated: March 31

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 31 day of Mancel, 2011.

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