

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

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION. FOR APPROVAL OF
GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT
WITH U.S. NITROGEN, LLC**

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DOCKET NO. 11-00122

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, because consumers may be adversely affected by the Gas Transmission Agreement ("Contract") between Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") and U.S. Nitrogen, LLC ("US Nitrogen"). 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 the rules of the Authority.
2. Atmos is a public utility regulated by the Authority and provides natural gas and other services to consumers located in Tennessee.
3. On August 2, 2010, Atmos filed in the Authority an Application for Approval of a Gas Transmission Agreement with US Nitrogen.

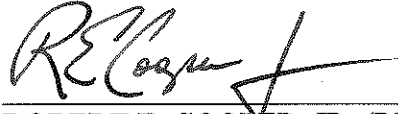
5. Additional investigation and discovery may be needed to determine whether the Contract is reasonable in its terms and is in the best interest of Tennessee consumers.

6. A Protective Order, the terms of which are acceptable to the Consumer Advocate, has been proposed by Atmos. Participation in this Docket is necessary in order to be bound by the terms of that Protective Order thereby allowing the Consumer Advocate to view non-redacted versions of confidential documents filed with the Authority.

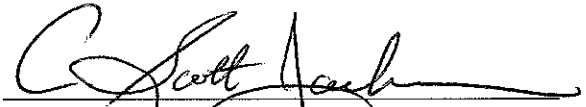
7. Only by participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

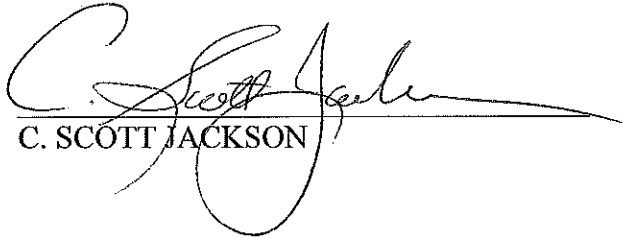
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