

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 2, 2011

IN RE:

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

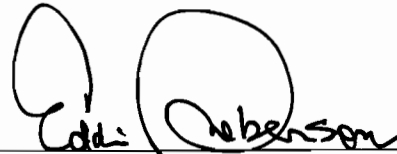
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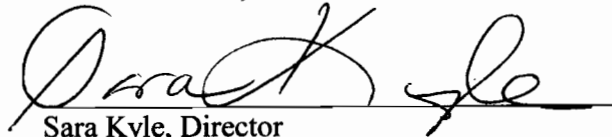
**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle and Director Mary W. Freeman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 22, 2011 for consideration of the *Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Gas Transportation Agreement with U.S. Nitrogen, LLC* filed on August 2, 2011. The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General filed a *Petition to Intervene* on August 15, 2011. During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to serve as Hearing Officer for the purpose of hearing preliminary matters, including entering a protective order, ruling on petitions to intervene, and preparing the matter for a hearing before the panel.

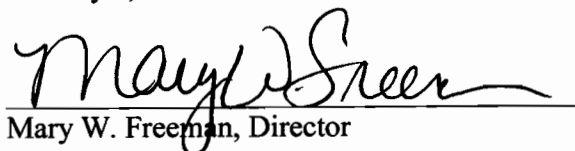
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Eddie Roberson, Chairman



Sara Kyle, Director



Mary W. Freeman, Director