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Mr. A. Scott Ross Esq.
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RE: Docket No. 11-00122 – PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF GAS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH U.S.
NITROGEN, LLC

Dear Mr. Ross:

To further the Staff's investigation of the Gas Transportation Agreement with U.S. Nitrogen, LLC, filed with this Authority on August 2, 2011, it is requested that you furnish additional information as detailed on the attached Staff Data Request #1. Should you have questions regarding any item number in the attached request, please contact Paul Greene (extension 156) or Michelle Ramsey (extension 164) for clarification before responding.

It is requested that this information be provided no later than September 22, 2011 and that you reference Docket 11-00122 on the response. In accordance with TRA rules submit either (1) original and thirteen written copies of your response or (2) originals and four written copies and an electronic version. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Foster".

David Foster, Chief
Utilities Division

Enclosure

C: Pat Childers
James Price, Esq.

TRA STAFF DATA REQUEST NO. 1

INSTRUCTIONS:

In responding to the following data request items, please repeat the question, followed by the Company's response in pdf format as required by the Docket Room. Additionally, all responses should be provided electronically in Word format or Excel format with working formulas on a CD labeled "Response to Data Request #1- For Staff Use."

1. Provide all Excel workpapers and any correspondence, minutes or other written documents used or produced in Atmos' analysis of the potential for by-pass.
2. Provide a detailed narrative explaining all analysis performed in response to #1 and a clear explanation of how the analysis in #1 led Atmos to the decision that by-pass was economically feasible.
3. Provide a copy of the Spectra Energy by-pass proposal.
4. Provide detailed workpapers and all supporting documents demonstrating the transportation rate per Mcf and the L&U percentage will cover cost and contribute to margin. Also, provide calculations showing the annual special contribution to margin.