

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 13, 2011

IN RE:


**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION TENNESSEE
INCENTIVE PLAN ACCOUNT (IPA) FOR
THE YEARS 2001 THROUGH 2011**

**DOCKET NO.
11-00137**

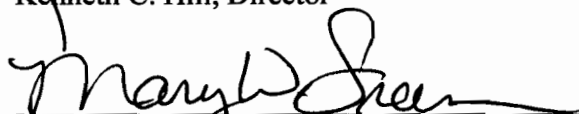
**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Kenneth C. Hill, 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 September 12, 2011 for consideration of the *Petition for Approval of Incentive Plan Account Reports for the Period April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2011*, which was filed by Atmos Energy Corporation on August 23, 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 act as Hearing Officer to handle any preliminary matters, including entering a protective order, establishing a procedural schedule, and ruling on intervention requests and discovery matters.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Eddie Roberson, Chairman


Kenneth C. Hill, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director

¹ Atmos Energy Corporation filed a proposed protective order on August 23, 2011.