

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 13, 2012

IN RE:

**AUDIT OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S
INCENTIVE PLAN ACCOUNT FOR THE
TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING
MARCH 31, 2012**

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**DOCKET NO.
12-00044**

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

This matter came before Chairman Kenneth C. Hill, Director Sara Kyle and Director James M. Allison of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 10, 2012 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint a Hearing Officer. On May 17, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation (the "Company") filed its incentive plan reports for the twelve-month period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

During the Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or her designee to act as Hearing Officer to handle any preliminary matters, including entering a protective order.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Chairman Kenneth C. Hill, Director Sara Kyle and Director James M. Allison concur.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director

¹ The Company was directed to submit a proposed protective order no later than Thursday, September 20, 2012.