

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 5, 2012

IN RE:

**PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL RATE
INCREASE**

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**DOCKET NO.
12-00064**

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO
AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This matter is before the Hearing Officer upon the filing of a *Joint Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule* (“*Joint Motion*”) on October 4, 2012 by Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) and the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Attorney General’s Office (“Consumer Advocate”) (collectively, the “Parties”).

A procedural schedule was issued on August 27, 2012, setting forth various deadlines for the progression and completion of this docket.¹ The procedural schedule was subsequently amended at the request of the Parties on September 24, 2012.²

In the *Joint Motion*, the Parties request to amend the deadlines for the filing of direct testimony by one day and extend the deadline for second round discovery requests and responses. All other scheduled dates are maintained. The Hearing Officer finds that the *Joint Motion* is reasonable and should be granted. The Parties are reminded that the rebuttal testimony should include the witness and the applicable page number(s) that is being rebutted to assist the Directors in preparing for the hearing, as previously ordered.

¹ See *Order Granting Petition to Intervene and Motion for More than Forty Discovery Requests, and Establishing a Procedural Schedule*, pp. 3-4 (August 27, 2012).

² See *Order Granting Joint Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule*, p. 2 (September 24, 2012).

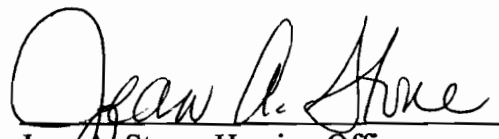
Therefore, the following amended procedural schedule as set forth in the *Joint Motion* is adopted:

October 5, 2012	Consumer Advocate's Pre-filed Testimony Due
October 15, 2012	Second Round of Discovery Due
October 16-19, 2012	Settlement Discussions between the Parties
October 22, 2012	Second Round of Discovery Responses Due
November 1, 2012	Atmos' Pre-filed Rebuttal Testimony Due
November 1, 2012	Pre-hearing Conference
November 7-9, 2012	Hearing on the Merits
November 21, 2012	Post-hearing Briefs Due

All filings are due at 2:00 p.m. on the date indicated. The parties may request a Status Conference at any time. The hearing on the merits will be held on November 7-9, 2012, with a notice of hearing to be issued prior to that date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

An amended procedural schedule is adopted, as set forth herein.


Jean A. Stone, Hearing Officer