

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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RE: Docket No. 12-00064 – *Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation For a General Rate Increase*

Dear Mr. Ross and Mr. McGehee:

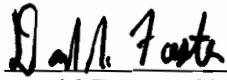
In order to assist the Authority in its evaluation of the *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* ("Settlement") filed on October 30, 2012, it is requested that the parties furnish responses to the following questions:

1. Provide all precedent and other legal support for payments from a utility to the Consumer Advocate Division such as the \$20,000 payment identified in Paragraph 11. d. of the Settlement.
2. Please identify the Consumer Advocate's expenses to date for each expert witness that participated in Docket No. 12-00064. Include amounts dictated by contract and/or hourly rates and the number of hours worked on this docket for each expert. Also, provide the total amount of the Consumer Advocate's accounting expenses provided by expert accounting witnesses in this case, including the contract rates and hours worked.

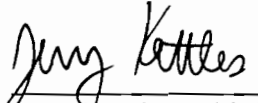
Since this information should be readily available and the matter is scheduled for November 7, 2012, it is requested that you provide all responses no later than 2:00 p.m.

on Thursday, November 1, 2012 and reference Docket No. 12-00064 on the response.
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

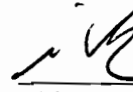
Sincerely,



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