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

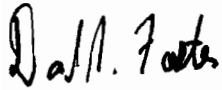
Dear Mr. Ross and Mr. McGehee:

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 a response to the following:

1. Paragraph 11.b of the Settlement discusses proposed methodology regarding treatment for future pension funding. For clarification, is the treatment proposed consistent with the Authority's approved methodology for Piedmont Natural Gas? If not, please identify areas where the proposed methodology differs from that approved for Piedmont.

It is requested that you provide all responses no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2012 and reference Docket No. 12-00064 on the response. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

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