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PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION FOR ADJUSTMENT
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PETITION TO INTERVENE

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, by and through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, respectfully petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") to grant the Consumer Advocate's intervention into this proceeding on behalf of the public interest, because consumers may be adversely affected by Atmos Energy Corporation's ("Atmos") Petition for an Adjustment to Its Rates. For cause, Petitioner would show as follows:

1. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers of public utilities services by initiating and intervening as a party in proceedings before the Authority in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and Authority rules.

2. Atmos is a public utility regulated by the Authority and distributes natural gas to approximately 130,400 consumers located in Tennessee.

3. On June 22, 2012, Atmos filed in the Authority a Petition for an Adjustment to Its Rates.

4. Atmos is requesting a rate increase of \$10.8 million, an amount which may not be just and reasonable and requires further investigation.

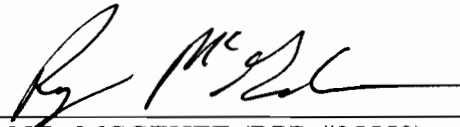
5. Only by participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully asks the Authority to grant the Petition to Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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Dated: July - 11, 2012.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene was served via U.S. Mail or electronic mail upon:

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This the 11th day of July, 2012.



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