

**IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:)	
REQUEST OF ATMOS ENERGY)	Docket No. 14-00009
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL)	
OF CONTRACTS REGARDING GAS)	
COMMODITY REQUIREMENTS AND)	
MANAGEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION))	
STORAGE CONTRACTS)	

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 consumers and the public interest, because the Asset Management Agreement proposed by Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") may affect the charges that Atmos' customers will be required to pay for natural gas utilities services.

The Consumer Advocate states the following additional grounds in support of this Petition to Intervene:

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 participating or intervening as a party in any matter or proceeding before the Authority or initiating such proceeding in accordance with the Uniform

Administrative Procedures Act and Authority rules. The Consumer Advocate, therefore, qualifies under the law as an intervenor in this proceeding.

2. Atmos is a public utility regulated by the Authority and provides natural gas utilities services to approximately 132,500 consumers located in the State of Tennessee.

3. On January 30, 2014, Atmos filed in the Authority a Petition for Approval of Contracts Regarding Gas Commodity Requirements and Management of Transportation/Storage Contracts. On February 14, 2014, Atmos filed an Amended Petition for Approval of Contract Regarding Gas Commodity Requirements and Management of Transportation/Storage Contract.

4. Atmos requests that the Authority approve an Asset Management Agreement with Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC ("AEM") regarding Atmos' gas commodity requirements and management of its transportation and storage contracts for the twelve-month period beginning April 1, 2014.

5. The terms of the proposed Asset Management Agreement between Atmos and AEM may affect the charges that Atmos' customers will be required to pay for natural gas utilities services in Tennessee. Thus, consumers' legal rights, duties, and interests may be determined in this proceeding.

6. Further, in support of its amended petition, Atmos filed the Direct Testimony of Rebecca M. Buchanan with accompanying exhibits. Atmos asserts that the testimony and all exhibits are confidential. Atmos also filed a proposed

protective order which it alleges is necessary to protect confidential information filed under seal in this Docket.

7. Additional investigation and discovery may be needed to determine whether the proposed Asset Management Agreement between Atmos and AEM is in the interests of Tennessee consumers. Such investigation will necessarily include the Consumer Advocate's review of the materials deemed confidential by Atmos.

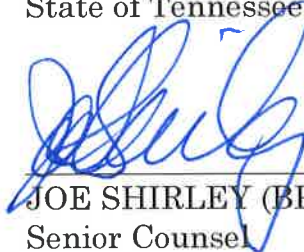
8. Only by participating as a party to this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate adequately carry out its statutory duty to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers of public utilities services.

Wherefore, the Consumer Advocate requests the Authority to grant the Petition to Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

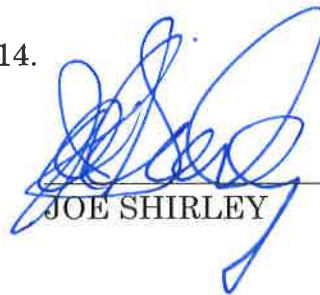
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