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RE: Atmos Energy General Rate Case and Petition to Adopt Annual Review Mechanism and ARM Tariff, TRA Docket No. 14-00146

Dear Ms. Dillon:

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Enclosed are the original and four copies of Atmos Energy Corporation's Response to the Consumer Advocate's Informal Discovery Request Set Number 6. This response includes Exhibits 6-3(a)(**CONFIDENTIAL**) and 6-3(b)(non-confidential). Exhibit 6-3(a)(**CONFIDENTIAL**) is being provided on CD and hard copy in a sealed envelope and is not to be posted to the Authority's website.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Sharla Dillon, Dockets Manager Page 2 March 6, 2015

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Enclosures

cc: Wayne Irvin (by email)

## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION	)	
GENERAL RATE CASE AND PETITION	)	
TO ADOPT ANNUAL REVIEW	)	Docket No. 14-00146
MECHANISM AND ARM TARIFF	)	

# ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S RESPONSE TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INFORMAL DISCOVERY REQUEST SET NUMBER 6

#### **Informal Discovery Request 6-1:**

In the previous 2014 case (14-00081) there were about [redacted] Mcf in Economic Development revenues relating to a new [redacted]. Show where this volume is included in the current case.

**RESPONSE**: The volumes for the expected new [redacted] can be found on the "Large Cust Adj (Confidential)" tab of the <u>Historic Base Period and Forward Looking Test Year Billing Determinants (Confidential)</u> working excel file. Specifically they are on excel rows 71 to 77 of this tab. From the "Large Cust Adj (Confidential)" tab, they carry over to the "Forward Looking YR Confidential" tab in cells L47 thru L41 of the same working excel file and eventually become part of the \$65,125,917 forward looking margin.

Witness: Patricia Childers

**Informal Discovery Request 6-2:** 

Provide support for the discounted ED rates (\$0.8560, \$0.5660 and \$0.2620 per Mcf

respectively for Steps 1, 2 and 3) that are included in the filing.

**RESPONSE:** As it relates to the discounted economic development rates of \$0.856,

\$0.566, and \$0.262 per Mcf, those are calculated by taking the "Qualifying Consumption"

75.00% adjustment factor in the Economic Development Gas Service tariff schedule (Rate

Schedule 280) and multiplying it times the step rates for the Interruptible Gas Service tariff

schedule (Rate Schedule 250). For example, the tariff rate for step 1 of Rate Schedule 250 is

\$1.141 per Mcf. Seventy-five percent of the \$1.141 per MCF step 1 rate equals \$0.856.

Rate Schedule 250/280 Calculation:

Step 1 Volumes = \$1.141/Mcf \* 75% = \$0.856/Mcf

Step 2 Volumes = \$0.755/Mcf \* 75% = \$0.566/Mcf

Step 3 Volumes = \$0.349/Mcf \* 75% = \$0.262/Mcf

Witness: Patricia Childers

**Informal Discovery Request 6-3:** 

Please refer to an order and docket number where the TRA approved the UCAR special

contract, and provide the rate and term of the MTSU contract.

**RESPONSE:** See Middle Tennessee State University special contract, submitted

herewith as Exhibit 6-3(a) (CONFIDENTIAL), and Order approving UCAR special contract,

submitted herewith as Exhibit 6-3(b) (not confidential).

Witness: Patricia Childers

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served, via the method(s) indicated below, on the following counsel of record, this the 6th day of March, 2015.

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### BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### Nashville, Tennessee

March 8, 1996

IN RE:

PETITION OF UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL CONTRACT WITH UCAR CARBON COMPANY,

INC.

**DOCKET NO. 93-05553** 

#### **ORDER**

This Petition concerns the above-captioned docket, which is an on-going proceeding involving a special contract between United Cities Gas Company (United Cities or Company) and UCAR Carbon Company, Inc. (UCAR). Prior Orders of this Commission have been entered in this docket on July 21, 1993, November 2, 1993 and April 5, 1994. In each of these Orders, the contract approved and the calculations applicable thereto have been ordered to remain confidential, subject to the right of any other party to raise this issue.

Since July 13, 1994, United Cities has served UCAR on an interruptible basis at a negotiated rate in accordance with authority granted the Company under its Commission-approved Rate Schedule 291.

By letter dated December 6, 1995, which letter was marked "confidential," United Cities submitted an amendment to this on-going contract, said amendment providing for a "fixed" negotiated rate to be effective with Commission approval, which approval was sought by said letter. As with all prior negotiations concerning this contract and this client, United Cities also requested confidential treatment of the contract and the calculations applicable thereto.

The Commission considered this matter at the Commission Conference held on January 30, 1996. It was concluded after careful consideration of the entire record that the request of United Cities is reasonable and appropriate, and that same should be approved.

#### IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED:

- 1. That the amendment of the contract submitted by the Company with its December 6, 1995, letter be and the same is hereby approved.
- 2. That the contract heretofore approved and the calculations applicable thereto shall remain confidential subject to the right of any other party to raise this issue. Should any other party raise this issue this would be subject to further orders of the Commission after an opportunity for all parties to be heard.
- 3. Any person aggrieved with the Commission's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Commission within ten (10) days from and after the date of this Order.
- 4. Any party aggrieved with the Commission's decision in this matter has the right of judicial review by filing a Petition for Review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty (60) days from and after the date of this Order.

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

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