

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**October 28, 2015**

**IN RE:**

**ATMOS ENERGY PETITION TO CHANGE  
DEPRECIATION RATES PURSUANT TO ITS  
APPROVED ANNUAL REVIEW MECHANISM**

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**DOCKET NO.  
15-00089**

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**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE  
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

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This matter came before Vice Chairman David F. Jones, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Robin Morrison of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 19, 2015 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint a Hearing Officer.

On September 22, 2015, Atmos Energy Corporation filed a *Notice of Filing Depreciation Study and Request for Approval of New Depreciation Rates*. During the Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint the Authority's General Counsel or her designee to act as Hearing Officer to prepare this matter for hearing, including but not limited to, establishing a procedural schedule, entering a protective order, and ruling on intervention requests and discovery issues.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**Vice Chairman David F. Jones, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Robin Morrison concur.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director**