

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 10, 2016

IN RE:

**PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2016 ANNUAL RATE
REVIEW FILING PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE
ANN. § 65-5-103(d)(6)**

**DOCKET NO.
16-00013**

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

This matter came before Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Vice Chairman David F. Jones, 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 February 8, 2016 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint a Hearing Officer. On February 2, 2016, Atmos Energy Corporation filed a Petition requesting approval of its 2016 annual rate review filing pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6).

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 establishing a procedural schedule, entering a protective order, and ruling on intervention requests and discovery issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Vice Chairman David F. Jones and Director Robin Morrison concur.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director