## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	March 8, 2016	)	
PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY		j	DOCKET NO.
<b>CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2016</b>		)	16-00013
ANNUAL RATE REVIEW FILING PURSUANT		)	
TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 65	-5-103(D)(6)	)	

## ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority" or "TRA") to establish a procedural schedule for the orderly administration of these proceedings. The goal and design of any procedural schedule is to efficiently move the proceedings forward to a hearing and final conclusion on the merits. Nevertheless, a procedural schedule's effectiveness directly depends on cooperation by the parties in meeting the individual benchmark dates. The Hearing Officer held a Status Conference on February 18, 2016 with the parties, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos") and the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), to discuss the procedural schedule. Taking into consideration the preferences of the parties, the Hearing Officer hereby establishes the Procedural Schedule set forth in **Exhibit A** attached to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

## DOCKET NO. 16-00013 PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

March 8, 2016

Due Date : (1881)	Riling separate	
Ongoing	Consumer Advocate Discovery Requests	
	(Copies of all discovery exchanged between the parties shall be filed with the Authority within 3 days of the exchange of information. All spreadsheets shall be filed in Excel format with working formulas intact.)	
April 11, 2016	Consumer Advocate Pre-Filed Testimony	
April 20, 2016	Atmos Rebuttal Testimony*;	
	All Outstanding Discovery Responses due	
April 25, 2016	Pre-Hearing Motions	
April 28, 2016	Responses to Pre-Hearing Motions	
May 2, 2016	Pre-Hearing Conference (if necessary)	
May 9, 2016	Hearing Date	

<sup>\*</sup> Rebuttal Testimony should be limited only to issues raised in the Consumer Advocate's Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Consumer Advocate's testimony that is being rebutted.