

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE:** )  
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**PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY** )  
**CORPORATION TO REVISE** )  
**PERFORMANCE BASED** ) **TRA Docket No. 16-00028**  
**RATEMAKING MECHANISM TARIFF** )  
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**NOTICE CONCERNING EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED TARIFF  
AMENDMENTS**

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Atmos Energy Corporation filed a Petition to revise its Performance Based Ratemaking tariff on March 15, 2016. As set forth in the pre-filed testimony of Rebecca M. Buchanan, the Company requested an effective date of April 1, 2016, for the new tariff. The April 1 date was requested in order to align with the start of the plan year under the Company's PBR Tariff, which runs from April 1 to March 31. The Company did not mean to suggest that the new tariff would be placed into effect automatically on April 1 pursuant to TRA Rule 1220-4-1-.04. However, in retrospect the Company can see how its filing would have raised a concern about the time limits under that Rule and the "effective date" noted on the Company's proposed tariff.

TRA Staff brought this issue to the Company's attention ahead of the April 1 deadline. The Company provided assurances, which it repeats here, that it does not intend to place the amended tariff into effect on April 1, or at any other time until this matter has been fully and finally resolved by the Authority. At that time, as in past dockets, the Company expects that the Authority's final order will include instruction on the effective date of the specific tariff amendments ultimately approved.

By way of a further explanation concerning timing under the Company's PBR Tariff, the Company would state as follows. Under the Company's PBR Tariff, the Company's performance in a given PBR plan year (April 1 to March 31) is reviewed and audited by TRA Staff following completion of that plan year. For example, the Company's current plan year performance (April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017), will be audited in the latter half of 2017. The Company's portion of any shared savings during this plan year would not be incorporated into rates until the fall of 2017. As a result of this timing, changes in the PBR Tariff approved as a result of this docket can be implemented for the current plan year even though this case will not be concluded prior to its start.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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