

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**March 28, 2017**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION  
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2017 ANNUAL RATE  
REVIEW FILING PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE  
ANN. § 65-5-103(D)(6)**

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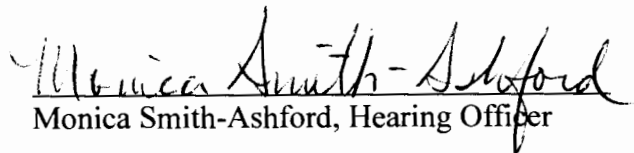
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**ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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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. Based on the joint proposed procedural schedule submitted by 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

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**PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

March 28, 2017

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Filing</b>
March 17, 2017	Atmos Responses to First Informal Discovery Requests
March 28, 2017	Final Informal Discovery Requests from Consumer Advocate to Atmos
April 6, 2017	Atmos Responses to Final Informal Discovery Requests
April 10-11, 2017	Settlement Conference Dates
April 25, 2017	Consumer Advocate's Pre-filed Testimony
May 2, 2017	Atmos Discovery Requests
May 5, 2017	Consumer Advocate Responses to Discovery Requests/Final Day to File Settlement Agreement
May 10, 2017	Atmos Pre-filed Rebuttal Testimony*
May 15, 2017	<b>Pre-hearing Telephone Conference</b>
May 23, 2017	<b>Target Date for Hearing on the Merits</b>

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

**EXHIBIT A**