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Hon. David Jones, Chairman
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VIA E-MAIL: sharla.dillon@tn.gov

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), TPUC Docket No. 17-00012

Dear Chairman Jones:

Since the submission of the Petition in the above-referenced Docket by Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos Energy”), Atmos Energy and the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“CPAD”) have been involved in cooperative discussions and have exchanged various information related to the Petition. With the recent submission of the CPAD’s Direct Testimony of William H. Novak and Atmos Energy’s submission of the Rebuttal Testimony of Gregory K. Waller, the parties hereby jointly represent that there are no outstanding procedural matters requiring resolution by the Hearing Officer. Moreover, it is the joint position of the parties that this matter is ripe for consideration by the TPUC in a manner that takes into account the parties’ respective pre-filed testimonies and responses to discovery filed in this Docket. The parties hereby jointly request that the entire official record filed in this Docket, including the discovery responses of the parties, be made a part of the evidentiary record.

With the foregoing in mind, the parties jointly propose that, at the hearing on this Docket, each party would be permitted to make a brief opening statement, to be followed by a summary of testimony by a witness for each party. Either party may waive its opening statement at its discretion, and the CPAD may waive the presentation of a summary of the testimony of its witness at its discretion. The witnesses for Atmos Energy and CPAD would be available for questions by the Commissioners and TPUC Staff. Each party hereby waives cross-examination of the other party’s witness, but reserves the right to ask follow-up questions to any question asked of any witness by a Commissioner or TPUC Staff. The parties waive closing statements in this Docket.

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As required, an original of this filing, along with four (4) hard copies, will follow. Should you have any question concerning this filing, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Scott Ross', with a stylized, cursive script.

A. Scott Ross

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