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VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

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RE: Docket No. 18-00034 – Response of Atmos Energy Corporation to the
Commission's Order Opening an Investigation and Requiring Deferred Accounting
Treatment

Dear Ms. Lawless:

Enclosed is Atmos Energy Corporation's response to TPUC Staff's data requests dated
February 1, and February 4, 2019.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Scott Ross', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

A. Scott Ross

ASR:prd

Enclosure

Docket No. 18-00034
Atmos Energy Corporation, Tennessee Division
Staff DR Set No. 1
Question No. 1-01
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REQUEST:

Provide position on whether amortization of Protected excess ADIT should be an income tax expense or a credit to amortization expense. Provide justification for your position; and

RESPONSE:

The Company's position is that all excess ADIT amortization (protected and unprotected) should be recorded as a deferred income tax benefit. This is the manner in which the Company records this amortization to its audited financial statements. Since the deferred taxes on the Company's books were recorded to deferred income tax expense when generated, it is appropriate to record the amortization of these amounts to deferred income tax expense as they are flowed back to customers. This topic was discussed extensively with the Company's external auditors (Ernst & Young) upon enactment of the TCJA. In addition, the Company participated in many industry calls that included member companies that engaged other large audit firms. The public accounting firms were consistent in their position that the amortization should be reflected as a deferred income tax benefit.

The Company would like to note that the excess deferred tax regulatory liability included in the Tennessee filings has been grossed up for income tax expense. Therefore, the classification of this amortization as amortization expense versus income tax expense would not change the revenue requirement.

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REQUEST:

Complete the attached Schedule No. 1 and Atmos Corporation Schedule No. 2.

RESPONSE:

Please see Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENT:

ATTACHMENT 1 - Atmos Energy Corporation, Staff_1-02_Att1 - Schedules.xlsx, 8 Pages.

TPUC Docket 18-00034
Impacts of Federal Tax Reform on the
Revenue Requirements of Atmos Energy Corp.

Schedule 1

	Atmos	Consumer Advocate
Excess ADIT	\$ (29,024,530)	\$ (29,243,198)
Unprotected ADIT	672,969	(10,163,169)
Adjustments:	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Adjusted Unprotected ADIT	\$ 672,969	\$ (10,163,169)
Proposed Amortization Period	\$ 28	\$ 3 <i>Docket 18-00034 Direct Testimony</i> of Mr. David Dittmore at page 26 lines 21-23
Protected ADIT	(29,697,498)	(19,080,029)
Adjustment:	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Adjusted Protected ADIT	\$ (29,697,498)	\$ (19,080,029)
Proposed Amortization Period	28	28 <i>Docket 18-00034 Direct Testimony</i> of Mr. David Dittmore at page 26 lines 7-9

Provide schedule with supporting calculations for all amounts or reference to specific schedule/workpaper previously provided.

Atmos Corporation
Schedule 2

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Revenue Requirements of Atmos Energy Corp.

	Atmos Class Excess ADIT Deferred Income Taxes	Atmos Customer Count	Atmos Average Excess ADIT per Customer
Excess Protected ADIT	\$ (29,697,498)		
Class of Customer			
Residential	\$ (15,299,870)	128,003	\$ (120)
Commercial	\$ (8,827,085)	16,602	\$ (532)
Industrial	\$ (1,215,211)	353	\$ (3,445)
Public Authority	\$ (97,901)	746	\$ (131)
Transportation	\$ (4,257,431)	117	\$ (36,518)
Excess Protected ADIT	\$ (29,697,498)	145,821	\$ (204)
Excess UnProtected ADIT	\$ 672,969		
Class of Customer			
Residential	\$ 346,707	128,003	\$ 3
Commercial	\$ 200,029	16,602	\$ 12
Industrial	\$ 27,538	353	\$ 78
Public Authority	\$ 2,219	746	\$ 3
Transportation	\$ 96,477	117	\$ 828
Excess UnProtected ADIT	\$ 672,969	145,821	\$ 5

Provide schedule with supporting calculations for all amounts or reference to specific schedule/workpaper previously provided.

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Consumer Advocate
Schedule 2

	Consumer Advocate Class Excess ADIT Deferred Income Taxes	Consumer Advocate Customer Count	Consumer Advocate Average Excess ADIT per Customer
Excess Protected ADIT	\$ (19,080,029)		
Class of Customer			
Residential	\$ (9,625,197)	127,021	\$ (76)
Commercial	\$ (5,677,275)	16,547	\$ (343)
Industrial	\$ (788,961)	352	\$ (2,241)
Public Authority	\$ (60,231)	697	\$ (86)
Transportation	\$ (2,928,365)	117	\$ (25,118)
Excess Protected ADIT	\$ (19,080,029)	144,733	\$ (132)
Excess UnProtected ADIT	\$ (10,163,169)		
Class of Customer			
Residential	\$ (5,126,958)	127,021	\$ (40)
Commercial	\$ (3,024,058)	16,547	\$ (183)
Industrial	\$ (420,248)	352	\$ (1,194)
Public Authority	\$ (32,083)	697	\$ (46)
Transportation	\$ (1,559,823)	117	\$ (13,379)
Excess UnProtected ADIT	\$ (10,163,169)	144,733	\$ (70)

Provide schedule with supporting calculations for all amounts or reference to specific schedule/workpaper previously provided.

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<u>Calculation of Amortization</u>	
Regulatory Liability - Docket No. 18-00067 (WP 7-9)	27,673,070
Amortization Period (Years)	<u>28</u>
Annual Amortization	988,324

Schedule 11-2

Tennessee Distribution System
Proof of Revenues and Calculation of Rates
Forward Looking Test Year Margin at Present Rates
Historic Base Period Ended September 30, 2018 and Forward Looking Test Year Ended May 31, 2020

		12 Mths Ended Sep 18		Rates effective Sep 18		12 mths Sep 18		Customer Charges		2018/2019		Deduction		Adjusted		Total		Total		1%	
Line	Description	Base Count	Weather Adj Vol Mcf	Monthly Customer chg	Commodity Charge/Mcf	Weather adj Margin at Sep 18 rates	O T F	Base Count	Volumes Mcf	2018/2019	Customer Growth Base Count	Volumes Mcf	Usage Volumes Mcf	Base Count	Volumes Mcf	Adjusted Margin Rev	Adjusted Margin Rev	Adjusted	Adjusted	of Total Rev	
No		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	
1	RESIDENTIAL																				
2	210 Residential Gas Service (Summer)	640,540	581,058	\$16.65	\$1.291	\$11,931,575			24,794	37,976		0	665,334	1,019,063	\$12,353,419	\$12,353,419					
3	210 Residential Gas Service (Winter) (weather sensitive)	694,302	7,072,219	\$18.65	\$1.291	25,803,967			34,616	273,749		0	938,918	7,345,968	\$26,607,971	\$26,607,971					
4	210 Residential Gas Service Senior Citizen (Summer)	458	443	\$9.00	\$1.291	571			19	17		0	507	560	\$593	\$593					
5	210 Residential Gas Service Senior Citizen (Winter) (weather sens	691	5,015	\$9.00	\$1.291	6,474			27	194		0	718	5,209	\$6,724	\$6,724					
6	211 Residential/Sm. Commercial/Industrial Heating & Cooling Ser	15	283	\$15.75	\$0.788	458			1	11		0	16	294	\$477	\$477					
7	Total Residential	1,336,035	8,059,047			37,743,048		0	59,450	311,947		0	1,595,492	8,370,993	\$30,209,184	\$30,209,184			51.5%		
8																					
9	COMMERCIAL																				
10	211 Residential/Sm. Commercial/Industrial Heating & Cooling Ser	12	133	15.75	0.788	293			0	6		0	12	138	\$305	\$305					
11	220 Commercial Gas Service (weather sensitive)	199,204	5,518,454	39.00	2.607	22,155,565			4,064	112,584		0	203,268	5,631,038	\$22,607,568	\$22,607,568					
12	230 Large Commercial Gas Service (weather sensitive)	0	0	420.00	2.285	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
13	230 Commercial Interruptible Gas Service	0	0	440.00	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
14	Block 1 Volumes	0	0		1.281	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
15	Block 2 Volumes	0	0		0.848	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
16	Block 3 Volumes	0	0		0.393	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
17	293 Large Tonnage Air Conditioning Gas Service	12	0	39.00	0	468			0	0		0	12	0	\$468	\$468					
18	Block 1 Volumes	0	8,995		1.281	11,524			0	8,996		0	0	8,996	\$11,524	\$11,524					
19	Block 2 Volumes	0	1,683		0.848	1,427			0	1,683		0	0	1,683	\$1,427	\$1,427					
20	Block 3 Volumes	0	0		0.393	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
21	Total Commercial	199,228	5,529,265			22,169,278		0	4,064	112,589		0	203,292	5,641,854	\$22,621,291	\$22,621,291			20.7%		
22																					
23	INDUSTRIAL																				
24	220 Industrial Gas Service (weather sensitive)	3,844	704,325	39.00	2.607	1,566,091		(5)	(32,855)	78	13,699		3,913	685,188	1,938,903	\$1,938,903					
25	230 Large Industrial Gas Service	74	47,783	420.00	2.285	140,264		0	0	0		0	74	47,783	140,264	\$140,264					
26	240 DEMAND/COMMS	0	0	440.00	0	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
27	Block 1 Volumes	0	0		1.281	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
28	Block 2 Volumes	0	0		0.848	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
29	Block 3 Volumes	0	0		0.393	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
30	Demand Volumes	0	0		16.283	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
31	250 Industrial Interruptible Gas Service	291	0	440.00	0	128,040		0	0	0		0	291	0	\$128,040	\$128,040					
32	Block 1 Volumes	0	277,417		1.281	355,371		0	0	0		0	0	277,417	\$355,371	\$355,371					
33	Block 2 Volumes	0	569,158		0.848	482,646		0	0	0		0	0	569,158	\$482,646	\$482,646					
34	Block 3 Volumes	0	74,718		0.393	29,364		0	0	0		0	0	74,718	\$29,364	\$29,364					
35	250/240/280 Industrial/Demand/Economic Dev	0	0	440.00	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
36	Block 1 Volumes	0	0		1.281	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
37	Block 1 Volumes @ Discount Rate	0	0		0.961	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
38	Block 2 Volumes	0	0		0.848	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
39	Block 2 Volumes @ Discount Rate	0	0		0.636	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
40	Block 3 Volumes	0	0		0.393	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
41	Block 3 Volumes @ Discount Rate	0	0		0.295	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
42	Demand Volumes	0	0		16.283	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
43	Demand Volumes @ Discount Rate	0	0		12.212	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
44	280/250 Economic Development Gas Service	12	0	440.00	0	5,280		0	0	0		0	12	0	\$5,280	\$5,280					
45	Block 1 Volumes	0	23,899		1.281	22,961		0	0	0		0	0	23,899	\$22,961	\$22,961					
46	Block 1 Volumes @ Discount Rate	0	0		0.961	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
47	Block 2 Volumes	0	17,204		0.848	10,941		0	0	0		0	0	17,204	\$10,941	\$10,941					
48	Block 2 Volumes @ Discount Rate	0	0		0.636	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
49	Block 3 Volumes	0	0		0.393	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
50	Block 3 Volumes @ Discount Rate	0	0		0.295	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
51	292 Cogeneration, CNG, Prime Movers Service	12	0	39.00	0	458		0	0	0		0	12	0	\$468	\$468					
52	Block 1 Volumes	0	0		1.281	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
53	Block 2 Volumes	0	0		0.848	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
54	Block 3 Volumes	0	0		0.393	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
55	Total Industrial	4,233	1,714,503			3,161,477		(5)	(32,836)	78	13,699		0	4,302	1,695,367	\$3,114,238	\$3,114,238		4.1%		
56																					
57	PUBLIC AUTHORITY																				
58	211 Residential/Sm. Commercial/Industrial Heating & Cooling Ser	0	0	15.75	0.788	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
59	221 Experimental School Gas Service	36	25,160	39.00	1.267	33,307			1	514		0	37	26,694	\$33,605	\$33,605					
60	225 Public Authority Gas Service (Sr. Citizen) (Summer)	0	0	0.00	1.291	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
61	225 Public Authority Gas Service (Sr. Citizen) (Winter) (weather Sen	0	0	0.00	1.291	0			0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
62	225 Public Authority Gas Service (Summer)	3,716	6,560	16.65	1.291	70,340			144	254		0	3,860	6,814	\$73,093	\$73,093					
63	225 Public Authority Gas Service (Winter) (weather Sensitive)	5,201	32,134	18.65	1.291	138,433			201	1,244		0	5,402	33,378	\$143,844	\$143,844					
64	Total Public Authority	8,953	63,874			242,131		0	345	2,011		0	9,229	65,855	\$250,893	\$250,893			0.3%		
65																					
66	TRANSPORTATION																				
67	260 - TRANSP (220 SML COMM/INDG)	132	148,601	440.00	2.607	445,483		0	0	0		0	132	148,601	\$445,483	\$445,483					
68	260 - TRANSP (230 LRG COMM/INDG)	521	1,459,221	440.00	2.285	3,653,561		22	35,270	0		0	543	1,494,492	\$3,653,833	\$3,653,833					
69	260 - TRANSP (240 DEMAND)	60	0	440.00	0	26,400		0	0	0		0	60	0	\$26,400	\$26,400					
70	Block 1 Volumes	0	120,000		1.281	153,720		0	0	0		0	0	120,000	\$153,720	\$153,720					
71	Block 2 Volumes	0	274,654		0.848	232,907		0	0	0		0	0	274,654	\$232,907	\$232,907					
72	Block 3 Volumes	0	0		0.393	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	\$0	\$0					
73	Demand Volumes	0	21,833		16.283	355,596		(922)	0	0		0	0	20,916	\$340,575	\$340,575			Constant Rate		
74	260 - TRANSP (250 OPT GS)	537	0	440.00	0	280,280		13	0	0		0	550	0	\$280,000	\$280,000					
75	Block 1 Volumes	0	1,214,044		1.281	1,555,191		0	42,072</												

Comparison of Atmos vs Consumer Advocate
Excess ADIT

Table DND-1

	Atmos \1	Reclassify Repair to Unprotected ADIT /2	Eliminate ADIT Associated w Excluded O&M \3	Consumer Advocate Excess ADIT Balances
Protected	29,697,498	(10,617,470)		19,080,029
Unprotected	(672,969)	10,617,470	218,668	10,163,169
Total	29,024,530	0	218,668	29,243,198

\1 Atmos Updated Financials Filed 11/21/18

\2 Exhibit DND-2

\3 Table DND-2

Table DND-2

Class of Customer	Class Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Amount	Customer Count	Average Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes per Customer
Residential	\$ (14,641,844)	127,021	\$ (115)
Commerical	\$ (8,636,268)	16,547	\$ (522)
Industrial	\$ (1,200,167)	352	\$ (3,409)
Public Authority	\$ (91,623)	697	\$ (131)
Transportation	\$ (4,454,628)	117	\$ (38,210)
Total Excess ADIT	\$ (29,024,530)	144,733	\$ (201)

12 Mos Ended May 31, 2018
Excess Deferred Balance

Account 2530 - 27909 (29,024,530) A/

Description	B/				EDIT ' Percentage of total Margin	Customer Count	Excess/Customer	Total Class EDIT / Total Class Count
	Actual Base Count	Actual Volumes Mcf	Actual Margin Rev	Percent of total Margin				
RESIDENTIAL								
210 Residential Gas Service (Summer)	628,711	1,006,816	\$ 12,576,749	15.73%	(4,565,262)	52,393	\$ (87)	\$ (115)
210 Residential Gas Service (Winter) (weather sensitive)	894,302	7,032,718	\$ 27,761,455	34.71%	(10,073,562)	74,525	\$ (135)	
210 Residential Gas Service Senior Citizen (Summer)	532	528	\$ 741	0.00%	(269)	44	\$ (6)	
210 Residential Gas Service Senior Citizen (Winter) (weather sensitive)	691	5,015	\$ 7,151	0.01%	(2,596)	58	\$ (45)	
211 Residential/Sm. Commercial/Industrial Heating & Cooling Service	12	275	\$ 431	0.00%	(156)	1	\$ (156)	
Total Residential	1,524,248	8,045,351	40,336,526	50.45%	(14,641,844)	127,021	\$ (490)	
COMMERCIAL								
211 Residential/Sm. Commercial/Industrial Heating & Cooling Service	12	132	\$ 312	0.00%	(113)	1	\$ (113)	\$ (522)
220 Commercial Gas Service (weather sensitive)	198,535	5,496,430	\$ 23,775,176	29.73%	(8,630,203)	16,545	\$ (522)	
230 Large Commercial Gas Service (weather sensitive)	-	0	\$ -	0.00%	-	-	\$ -	
250 Commercial Interruptible Gas Service	0	0	\$ 0	0.00%	-	-	\$ -	
293 Large Tonnage Air Conditioning Gas Service	12	11,573	\$ 16,394	0.02%	(5,951)	1	\$ (5,951)	
Total Commercial	198,559	5,508,135	23,791,883	29.76%	(8,636,268)	16,547	\$ (6,586)	
INDUSTRIAL								
220 Industrial Gas Service (weather sensitive)	3823	683,585	\$ 2,077,104	2.60%	(753,973)	319	\$ (2,367)	\$ (3,409)
230 Large Industrial Gas Service	75	50,384	\$ 156,678	0.20%	(56,873)	6	\$ (9,100)	
240 DEMAND/COMM GS	0	-	\$ -	0.00%	-	-	\$ -	
250 Industrial Interruptible Gas Service	285	843,888	\$ 1,024,906	1.28%	(372,033)	24	\$ (15,665)	
280/250 Economic Development Gas Service	30	41,762	\$ 42,016	0.05%	(15,252)	3	\$ (6,101)	
292 Cogeneration, CNG, Prime Movers Service	12	-	\$ 5,613	0.01%	(2,037)	1	\$ (2,037)	
Total Industrial	4,225	1,619,618	3,306,317	4.14%	(1,200,167)	352	\$ (35,269)	
PUBLIC AUTHORITY								
211 Residential/Sm. Commercial/Industrial Heating & Cooling Service	-	-	\$ -	0.00%	-	-	\$ -	\$ (131)
221 Experimental School Gas Service	36	25,799	\$ 38,008	0.05%	(13,797)	3	\$ (4,599)	
225 Public Authority Gas Service (Sr. Citizen) (Summer)	-	-	\$ -	0.00%	-	-	\$ -	
225 Public Authority Gas Service (Sr. Citizen) (Winter) (weather Sensitive)	-	-	\$ -	0.00%	-	-	\$ -	
225 Public Authority Gas Service (Summer)	3,126	7,264	\$ 65,724	0.08%	(23,857)	261	\$ (92)	
225 Public Authority Gas Service (Winter) (weather Sensitive)	5,201	31,944	\$ 148,678	0.19%	(53,969)	433	\$ (125)	
Total Public Authority	8,363	65,807	252,410	0.32%	(91,623)	697	\$ (4,815)	
TRANSPORTATION								
260 - TRANSP (220 SML COMING)	135	148,327	\$ 471,281	0.59%	(171,071)	11	\$ (15,206)	\$ (38,210)
260 - TRANSP (230 LRG COMING)	502	1,444,889	\$ 3,711,614	4.64%	(1,347,287)	42	\$ (32,206)	
260 - TRANSP (240 DEMAND)	69	397,664	\$ 789,190	0.99%	(286,470)	6	\$ (49,821)	
260 - TRANSP (250 OPT GS)	635	5,075,942	\$ 5,489,227	6.87%	(1,992,546)	53	\$ (37,654)	
260 - TRANSP (260/240 ECON DEV/DEMAND)	-	-	\$ -	0.00%	-	-	\$ -	
260 - TRANSP (280/250 ECON DEV - OPT GS)	24	954,160	\$ 785,909	0.98%	(285,279)	2	\$ (142,639)	
Special Contracts	34	3,049,684	\$ 1,024,745	1.28%	(371,974)	3	\$ (131,285)	
Total Transportation	1,399	11,070,666	12,271,966	15.35%	(4,454,628)	117	\$ (408,812)	
TOTALS	1,736,794	26,308,777	79,959,102	100.00%	(29,024,530)	144,733	(201)	

A/ 3/ 2018-08-31 TN Annual Reconciliation Filing - Exhibit GKW-1 Reconciliation Revenue Requirement Model, Workpaper 7-10
B/ 3/ 2018-08-31 TN Annual Reconciliation Filing - Exhibit GKW-1 Reconciliation Revenue Requirement Model, Schedule 11-5

#/ TN Excess Deferreds (True-Up) submitted by Atmos on 11/21/18

**Docket No. 18-00034
Atmos Energy Corporation, Tennessee Division
Staff DR Set No. 1
Question No. 1-03
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REQUEST:

Based on the latest financial information what is the total excess ADIT? Provide all supporting documents and calculations.

RESPONSE:

Please see Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENT:

ATTACHMENT 1 - Atmos Energy Corporation, Staff_1-03_Att1 - TN Excess Deferreds 9-30-18 Plant and NonPlant Updated 12-31-18.xlsx, 1 Page.

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