

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**May 18, 2018**

**IN RE:**

**RESPONSE OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION  
TO THE COMMISSION'S ORDER OPENING AN  
INVESTIGATION AND REQUIRING DEFERRED  
ACCOUNTING TREATMENT**

**DOCKET NO.  
18-00034**

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**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING  
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

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This matter came before Vice Chairman Robin Morrison, Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill and Commissioner Keith Jordan of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC or Commission), the voting panel assigned to this docket, during a regularly scheduled Commission Conference held on May 14, 2018 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint a Hearing Officer. On March 29, 2018 Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed its Response in this docket. Atmos discussed how the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act impacts the utility's financial operations, any resulting excess deferred tax reserve, and proposes a method for how certain benefits should be addressed.

During the Conference, the Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint the Commission's General Counsel, or her designee, to act as Hearing Officer to prepare this matter for hearing, with authority to handle all preliminary matters, including but not limited to, establishing a procedural schedule, considering dispositive motions, ruling on intervention requests and discovery issues, and entering a protective order, as needed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**Vice Chairman Robin Morrison, Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill and Commissioner Keith Jordan concur.**

**ATTEST:**



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**Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director**