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The Honorable Robin L. Morrison, Chairman
Tennessee Public Utility Commission
502 Deaderick Street, Fourth Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Tennessee Public Utility Commission Docket No. 19-00018, *Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of its 2019 Annual Rate Review Filing Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6)*

Dear Chairman Morrison:

Since the submission of Atmos Energy Corporation's (Atmos Energy) Petition in the above-referenced matter, Atmos Energy and the Financial Division, Consumer Advocate Unit, of the Tennessee Attorney General (Consumer Advocate) have been involved in cooperative discussions and have exchanged various information related to the Petition. With the recent submission of Atmos Energy's Rebuttal Testimony, the parties hereby jointly represent that there are no outstanding procedural matters requiring resolution by the Hearing Officer.

After considering the entire record, including Atmos' responses to discovery, and consistent with the streamlined approach contemplated in the annual review mechanism approved in TPUC Docket No. 14-00146, it is the joint position of the Parties that this matter is ripe for consideration on the merits by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission. At this time, there remain no outstanding disputes between the Parties with respect to the Petition, as clarified by and through discovery and the testimony of the Parties' witnesses. As reflected in the Pre-Filed Direct Testimony of Consumer Advocate witness David Dittmore and the Rebuttal Testimony of Atmos Energy witness Mark Martin, there are no contested issues between the Parties on the merits of the Petition, and it is the position of the Parties that this matter should be resolved in favor of the positions set forth in Atmos' Petition and the rebuttal testimony of Mr. Martin, wherein he supports a rate increase of \$23,824.

This matter is ready to be heard on the May 20, 2019 Conference Agenda. The Parties hereby jointly request that the entire official record in this docket, including discovery, be made part of the evidentiary record. With the foregoing in mind, unless otherwise requested by the Commission, the Parties hereby waive their cross-examination of witnesses. At the hearing of this

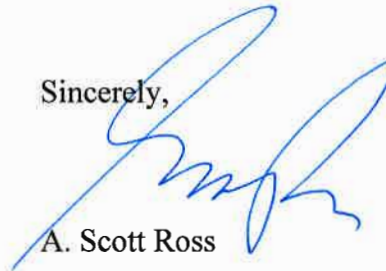
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matter, the attorneys for the Parties request the opportunity for a brief opening statement. Then the Consumer Advocate's witness David Dittmore and Atmos Energy's witness Mark Martin will provide summaries of their testimony and will be available for questions by Commissioners or Staff. Atmos Energy witness Gregory Waller will not provide a summary of his testimony, but his testimony will be entered into the official record and he will be available for questions by Commissioners or Staff.

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

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Scott Ross", is written over the typed name.

A. Scott Ross

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