

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:)
)
PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY)
CORPORATION FOR WAIVER)
OF METER TESTING UNDER) **Docket No. 20-00079**
TPUC RULE 1220-04-05-.26(e))

**PETITION FOR WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT THAT METER TESTING UNDER
TPUC RULE 1220-04-05-.26(e) BE COMPLETED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos Energy” or “Company”) respectfully requests that the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) approve a waiver of the requirement that Atmos Energy complete its periodic meter testing obligations under TPUC Rule 1220-04-05-.26(e) in the calendar year 2020.

In support of this Petition, Atmos Energy respectfully submits the following:

1. Full name and address of the principal place of business of the company are:

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2. All correspondence and communications with respect to this Petition should be sent to the following:

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3. Atmos Energy is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Texas and Virginia and is engaged in the business of transporting, distributing and selling natural gas, including in areas of Tennessee.

4. Under TPUC Rule 1220-04-05-.26(e), gas utilities (including Atmos Energy) are required to “make periodic tests of meters, associated devices and instruments, to assure their accuracy.” These tests are to be completed “within the calendar year” “[u]nless otherwise authorized by the Commission.” Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-04-05-.26(e).

5. As has been set forth in its weekly reports to the Commission filed in Docket No. 20-00047, Atmos Energy has implemented a wide-ranging set of procedures to ensure the safety of the Company’s customers and employees, and of the communities served by the Company, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

6. Among these safety procedures was the suspension of periodic meter testing, in March of this year to help limit the spread of the coronavirus.

7. Atmos Energy intends to take a slow and deliberate return to normal operations after the conclusion of the formally declared public health emergency.

8. Because a public health emergency is currently declared through the end of June 2020 and Atmos Energy intends to wait at least sixty days after the end of that emergency (which may be extended again) to begin its return to normal operations, Atmos Energy will, at a minimum, have suspended meter testing for the majority of spring and summer. Completing the 2020 periodic meter testing obligations over the remainder of the calendar year is not feasible.

9. In further support of this Petition, Atmos Energy relies upon the Pre-Filed Testimony of Mark Martin.

WHEREFORE, Atmos Energy respectfully requests that the Commission waive the Company's obligation to complete meter testing within this calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

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