BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 5, 2021

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION)	DOCKET NO.
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2021 ANNUAL RATE)	21-00019
REVIEW FILING PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE)	
ANN. § 65-5-103(d)(6))	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "TPUC") to establish a procedural schedule for the orderly administration of these proceedings. At the request of the Hearing Officer, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy" or the "Company") and the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), the parties in this matter, filed the Amended Joint Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedule on February 26, 2021. The goal and design of any procedural schedule is to efficiently move the proceedings forward to a hearing and final conclusion on the merits. Nevertheless, a procedural schedule's effectiveness directly depends on cooperation by the parties in meeting the individual benchmark dates. Based on the agreements made by Atmos Energy and the Consumer Advocate regarding the procedural schedule, the Hearing Officer hereby establishes the Procedural Schedule set forth in Exhibit A attached to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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Due Date/Deadline	Filing/Activity	
February 26, 2021	Consumer Advocate's 1st Discovery Request	
March 5, 2021	Atmos Energy's Response to 1st Discovery Request	
March 12, 2021	Consumer Advocate's 2 nd Discovery Request	
March 19, 2021	Atmos Energy's Response to 2 nd Discovery	
April 1, 2021	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony	
April 6, 2021 (by 10am Central)	Atmos Energy's 1st Discovery Request	
April 9, 2021	Consumer Advocate's Response to 1 st Discovery Request	
April 16, 2021	Atmos Energy's Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony	
April 19, 2021	Proposed Settlement Agreement (if it is to be considered at May Conference)	
April 30, 2021	Pre-Hearing Motions	
May 3, 2021	Pre-Hearing Telephone Status Conference	
May 10, 2021	Target Hearing Date	

- All filings shall be filed in the TPUC docket room by 2:00 p.m. (central) on the date due.
- Nothing herein restricts the parties from participating in additional informal discovery.
- ➤ Copies of all discovery exchanged between the parties shall be filed with TPUC within 3 business days of the exchange of information.
- > For all spreadsheets, a copy shall be filed in Excel format with working formulas intact. This includes spreadsheets that are exhibits to Pre-filed Testimony.
- Rebuttal Testimony is limited only to issues raised in the Consumer Advocate's Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Consumer Advocate's testimony that is being rebutted.