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VIA E-MAIL and FEDERAL EXPRESS

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RE: Atmos Energy Corporation – Petition for Approval of Hedging Program

Dear Ms. Lawless:

Enclosed is Atmos Energy Corporation's Petition for Approval of a Tennessee Hedging Program, consisting of the following:

- (1) The original and four hard copies of one volume containing all relevant filings;
- (2) An original and four copies of a thumb-drive containing electronic copies of all relevant filings; and
- (3) A \$25.00 check for the filing fee.

The Petition, along with a PDF copy of all attachments, were filed electronically today.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Lybeck".

Erik C. Lybeck

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

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY)	
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL)	
OF A TENNESSEE HEDGING)	Docket No. 23- <u>00026</u>
PROGRAM)	

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A TENNESSEE HEDGING PROGRAM

Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos Energy” or “Company”) respectfully requests under TPUC Rule 1220-04-01-.06 that the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) approve its petition for the inclusion of a Tennessee Hedging Program (“Hedging Program”) in Proposed Tariff Sheet 43.1 and proposed revisions of Tariff Sheet Nos. 36 and 45.1, which would incorporate the Hedging Program into the Company’s Tariff.

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. The proposed Hedging Program by Atmos Energy consists of proposed tariff sheet No. 43.1 and revisions to existing Tariff Sheet Nos. 36 and 45.1

5. The purpose of the proposed Hedging Program is to provide natural gas price stability. The tools of the proposed Hedging Program will allow the Company to be more nimble in its approach to procuring its gas supply. The Hedging Program will also afford customers certain safeguards against the risk of market-driven fluctuations in gas prices.

6. As contemplated by this Petition, the benefits that result from Atmos Energy's implementation of its proposed Hedging Program ultimately inure to Atmos Energy's customers. The proposed costs of the proposed Hedging Program directly relate to the gas supply function and thus the Company has proposed the recovery of such through the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment mechanism, with the modifications proposed herein.

7. The Company's proposed tariff for the Hedging Program and the alterations to existing tariff sheets to reflect the creation of the Hedging Program are attached as Exhibit A to this Petition.

8. The Company's proposed Hedging Program is further supported in the attached Pre-Filed Testimony of Shawn M. Audibert.

WHEREFORE, Atmos Energy respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order that approves the Hedging Program and associated tariff sheets on or before July 1, 2023, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

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