# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 6, 2024

IN RE:	)	
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PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY	)	
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 24-00006</b>
2024 ANNUAL RATE REVIEW FILING	)	
PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 65-5-	)	
103(d)(6)	)	

#### ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter is before the Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "TPUC") to establish a procedural schedule for the orderly administration of these proceedings. 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 *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* on January 30, 2024. 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 Administrative Judge hereby establishes the Procedural Schedule set forth in **Exhibit** A attached to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Administrative Judge

#### **EXHIBIT A**

### PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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Due Date/Deadline	Filing/Activity	
February 22, 2024	Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Request	
March 1, 2024	Atmos Energy's Response to First Discovery Request	
March 14, 2024	Consumer Advocate's Second Discovery Request	
March 21, 2024	Atmos Energy's Response to Second Discovery	
April 4, 2024	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony	
April 9, 2024	Atmos Energy's First Discovery Request	
April 15, 2024	Consumer Advocate's Response to First Discovery Request	
April 22, 2024	Atmos Energy's Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony	
April 29, 2024	Deadline to Submit Settlement Agreement	
May 1, 2024	Pre-Hearing Motions	
May 6, 2024	Pre-Hearing Telephone Status Conference	
May 20, 2024	Target Hearing Date	

- Nothing herein restricts the Parties from voluntarily 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 submitted 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 Intervenor's Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Intervenor's testimony that is being rebutted.