

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 22, 2026

IN RE:

**PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2026 ANNUAL RATE
REVIEW FILING PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE
ANN. § 65-5-103(d)(6)**

**DOCKET NO.
26-00009**

PRE-HEARING ORDER

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-306 and Commission Rule 1220-1-2-.12, this matter came before the Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) upon the Parties’ proposed schedule for the orderly conduct of the Hearing on the *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* scheduled during the Commission Conference to be held at 10:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, June 1, 2026. Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), the Parties in this matter, submitted a proposed schedule in lieu of convening a Pre-Hearing Conference. On May 12, 2026, the Parties filed the *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* (“*Settlement Agreement*”) to resolve the *Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Its 2026 Annual Rate Review Filing Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6)* (“*Petition*”). If the panel does not approve the *Settlement Agreement*, a hearing on the merits of the *Petition* will immediately follow.¹

The Parties are represented as follows:

Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General – Shilina B. Brown, Esq., and Ryan McGehee, Esq., Office of the Attorney General, P.O. Box 20207, Nashville, TN 37202.

¹ If a hearing on the *Petition* is held, the Administrative Judge will issue a separate Order establishing the procedure for the hearing on the merits of the *Petition*.

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I. NOTICE OF HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT

On May 22, 2026, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a hearing will be held at **10:00 a.m. CDT on Monday, June 1, 2026**. Members of the public are encouraged to participate by filing written comments in the docket file and/or presenting verbal comments during the hearing.

II. CONDUCT OF THE HEARING

A. OPENING STATEMENTS

Atmos will give brief opening remarks (3 minutes) followed by remarks from the Consumer Advocate (3 minutes).

B. EXHIBITS & DOCUMENTS

The Parties should exchange any demonstrative exhibits, if any, related to a witness' pre-filed testimony by Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at noon (CDT). Each party should have its own copy of all exhibits, including those appended to pre-filed testimony, available for reference during the hearing and is responsible for supplying a sufficient number of copies of any exhibits that it intends to reference or discuss with a witness. A party should use its own judgment and discretion in determining the total number of copies to have on hand, but at a minimum, 15 copies of an exhibit should be provided for the court reporter, each Commissioner on the panel, Legal Staff, and the Utilities Division staff. Additional copies may be needed to provide to the other parties.

C. TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS

The Parties should inform the Administrative Judge of any requirements as to visual display aids and technology that might be needed during the hearing. So that the appropriate arrangements may be made, all such requests and information should be provided via email to the Administrative

Judge at aaron.conklin@tn.gov by May 27, 2026.

D. WITNESSES

Atmos will call its witness, Maureen Melson, to summarize the *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* (5 minutes). Atmos' other witnesses, Gregory Wallker and Ryan Chastain, will be available remotely to answer questions but will not testify.

The Consumer Advocate will not present witnesses but will have its witnesses, Clark Kaml, David Dittmore, and Bradley Dixon, available for questions.

The Commissioners and Commission Staff will have an opportunity to ask questions following the witness testimony. In addition, the Parties should be aware that the Commissioners might ask questions at any time during a witness's testimony.

E. CLOSING ARGUMENTS

The Parties will present brief closing remarks. Closing remarks will be presented first by the Consumer Advocate, then by Atmos (2 minutes each).

F. PRELIMINARY MATTERS/MOTIONS

The Parties should make the Administrative Judge aware of any preliminary matters as soon as possible in advance of the Hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Hearing on the *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* scheduled for the Commission Conference beginning at **10:00 a.m. CDT on June 1, 2026**, shall be conducted in accordance with this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman/Presiding Commissioner.



Aaron J. Conklin, Administrative Judge