

Office of the City Manager

City of Richland Hills, Texas

## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council  
From: Eric Strong, City Manager  
Date: May 19, 2015  
Subject: Negotiated settlement with Atmos Energy Corp.

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### **Council Action Requested:**

Consider Resolution 446-15, approving negotiated settlement with Atmos Energy Corp.

### **Background Information:**

The City, along with other similarly situated cities served by Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division (“Atmos Mid-Tex” or “Company”), is a member of the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”). The RRM Tariff was adopted by the City as an alternative to the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (“GRIP”), the statutory provision that allows Atmos to bypass the City’s rate regulatory authority to increase its rates annually to recover capital investments. In February 2014, Atmos Mid-Tex filed its second annual filing under the Rate Review Mechanism (“RRM”) Tariff, seeking an increase of \$45.7 million. Although ACSC attempted to reach a settlement with the Company as it had in past years, the wide differences between the Company and ACSC’s consultants’ recommendations made a compromise impossible. On the recommendation of the ACSC Executive Committee and ACSC’s legal counsel, the City in 2014 adopted a Resolution denying the requested rate increase.

The Company appealed the City’s denial to the Railroad Commission of Texas (“Commission”), and revised its requested increase to \$43.8 million. A hearing was held on the Company’s appeal on September 3, 2014. On April 28, 2015, the Commission’s Hearings Examiner issued his Proposal for Decision (“PFD”) in the Company’s appeal of the City’s denial of the 2014 RRM rate increase. This PFD was

not favorable to ACSC, but did recommend a reduction of approximately \$860,000 to the Company's adjusted 2014 filing.

While the parties were waiting for the PFD from the Hearings Examiner in the appeal of the 2014 RRM filing, on February 27, 2015, Atmos Mid-Tex filed with the City another rate increase request under the RRM Tariff, seeking additional revenues in the amount of \$28.762 million (total system) or \$24.0 million (affected cities). The City worked with ACSC to analyze the schedules and evidence offered by Atmos Mid-Tex to support its 2015 request to increase rates. The Resolution and attached Settlement Agreement and tariffs are the result of negotiation between the Mid-Tex Executive Committee and the Company to resolve issues raised by ACSC during the review and evaluation of Atmos Mid-Tex's filing. The recommended Settlement Agreement also requires Atmos to abate its appeal of the City's rejection of the 2014 RRM rate increase pending approval by all ACSC cities of the Settlement Agreement. The Agreement requires Atmos to give the City the benefit of the adjustments to the 2014 rate increase recommended by the PFD.

The Resolution and Settlement tariffs approve rates that will increase the Company's revenues by \$65.7 million for the Mid-Tex Rate Division, effective for bills rendered on or after June 1, 2015. The monthly residential customer charge will be \$18.60. The consumption charge will change from \$0.08819 per Ccf to \$0.09931 per Ccf. The monthly bill impact for the typical residential customer consuming 60 Ccf will be an increase of \$1.14 (about a 1.59% increase in the base bill). The typical commercial customer will see an increase of \$2.69 or 0.96%.

The ACSC Executive Committee and its designated legal counsel and consultants recommend that all Cities adopt the Resolution approving the negotiated Settlement Agreement resolving both the 2014 and the 2015 RRM filings, and implementing the rate change.

#### **RRM Background:**

The RRM tariff was originally approved by ACSC Cities as part of the settlement agreement to resolve the Atmos Mid-Tex 2007 system-wide rate filing at the Railroad Commission. In early 2013, the City adopted a renewed RRM tariff for an additional five years. This is the third RRM filing under the renewed tariff. The RRM tariff and the process implementing that tariff were created collaboratively by ACSC and Atmos Mid-Tex as an alternative to the legislatively-authorized GRIP

surcharge process. ACSC has opposed GRIP because it constitutes piecemeal ratemaking, does not allow any review of the reasonableness of Atmos' expenditures, and does not allow participation by cities or recovery of cities' rate case expenses. In contrast, the RRM process has allowed for a more comprehensive rate review and annual adjustment as a substitute for GRIP filings. ACSC's consultants have calculated that had Atmos filed its 2015 case under the GRIP provisions, it would have received additional revenues from ratepayers of approximately \$10 million.

#### **Purpose of the Resolution:**

The purpose of the Resolution is to approve the Settlement Agreement and the resulting rate change under the RRM tariff. As a result of the negotiations, the Executive Committee was able to reduce the Company's requested \$28.8 million rate increase for Mid-Tex cities to \$21,962,784. When added to the settlement of the 2014 RRM filing and the adjustments recommended by the PFD, the Company will receive total additional annual revenues of \$65.7 million. Because the 2014 rates have been in effect since June 1, 2014, the increase to currently-billed rates is \$21 million. Approval of the Resolution will result in rates that implement an increase in Atmos Mid-Tex's revenues effective June 1, 2015.

#### **Why Approve the Settlement Agreement:**

While it is annoying and disconcerting to annually consider rate adjustments from Atmos Mid-Tex, the Texas legislature has granted gas utilities the right, through the GRIP process, to an annual increase based on increases in invested capital. GRIP is piecemeal ratemaking and ignores increases in revenues and declines in O&M expenses that may be associated with plant additions. ACSC found it preferable to negotiate with Atmos to substitute an expedited comprehensive review process that includes consideration of revenues and expenses as well as invested capital for the GRIP process.

#### **Compelling reasons for approving the Settlement include:**

1. While the 2015 RRM system-wide filing exceeded \$28 million, a comparable GRIP filing would have been in excess of \$38 million. ACSC has negotiated a reduction to the 2015 filing of approximately \$6 million. Therefore, the 2015 RRM

result is approximately \$16 million better for ratepayers within municipal limits than ratepayers within Environs.

2. ACSC counsel is convinced that the Proposal for Decision (“PFD”) by Railroad Commission Examiners in the 2014 RRM appeal will not improve if we file Exceptions and Replies to Exceptions. Counsel recommends action to avoid the PFD becoming a final order that would serve as precedent in future rate proceedings.
3. The token benefit to ratepayers authorized in the PFD to the 2014 appeal has been incorporated into the Settlement Agreement.
4. Atmos will file its formal withdrawal of its 2014 appeal only after all ACSC members approve the Settlement Agreement.
5. The alternative to approval of the Settlement Agreement would be another contested case hearing on appeal of the 2015 filing, implementation of interim rates on June 1, 2015 at the full value of the Company’s request (or \$6 million higher than proposed by the Settlement) and continuation of the 2014 appeal with resulting rate case expenses borne by ratepayers.

**Explanation of “Be It Resolved” Sections:**

1. This section approves all findings in the Resolution.
2. This section finds the Settlement Agreement (attached to the Resolution) to be a comprehensive settlement of gas utility rate issues arising from Atmos Mid-Tex’s 2014 and 2015 RRM filings, and that such settlement is in the public interest and consistent with the City’s statutory authority.
3. This section finds the existing Atmos Mid-Tex rates to be unreasonable, and approves the new tariffed rates providing for additional revenues over currently-billed rates of \$21 million and adopts the attached new rate tariffs.
4. This section establishes the baseline for pensions and other post-employment benefits for future rate cases.
5. This section renews the Atmos Mid-Tex RRM Tariff for an additional period of time, commencing with the filing to be made on March 1, 2016, and continuing until the RRM Tariff is suspended by ordinance of the City.

6. This section requires the Company to reimburse Cities for reasonable ratemaking costs associated with reviewing and processing the RRM filing.
7. This section repeals any resolution that is inconsistent with this Resolution.
8. This section finds that the meeting was conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.
9. This section is a savings clause, which provides that if any section(s) is later found to be unconstitutional or invalid, that finding shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution. This section further directs that the remaining provisions of the Resolution are to be interpreted as if the offending section or clause never existed.
10. This section provides for an effective date upon passage which, according to the Cities' ordinance that adopted the RRM process, is June 1, 2015.
11. This paragraph directs that a copy of the signed Resolution be sent to a representative of the Company and legal counsel for the Steering

Committee.**Board/Citizen Input:** N/A

**Financial Impact:** N/A

**Staff Contacts:**

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City Manager  
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**Attachments:** Resolution 446-15

Attachments A, B, C and D

**RESOLUTION NO. 446-15**

**AN RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE (“ACSC”) AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY’S 2014 AND 2015 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILINGS; APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ATTACHED RATE TARIFFS AND PROOF OF REVENUES; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC’S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC’S LEGAL COUNSEL.**

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Hills, Texas (“City”) is a gas utility customer of Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division (“Atmos Mid-Tex” or “Company”), and a regulatory authority with an interest in the rates and charges of Atmos; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”), a coalition of similarly-situated cities served by Atmos Mid-Tex (“ACSC Cities”) that have joined together to facilitate the review of and response to natural gas issues affecting rates charged in the Atmos Mid-Tex service area; and

WHEREAS, ACSC and the Company worked collaboratively to develop a new Rate Review Mechanism (“RRM”) tariff that allows for an expedited rate review process by ACSC Cities as a substitute to the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (“GRIP”) process instituted by

the Legislature, and that will establish rates for the ACSC Cities based on the system-wide cost of serving the Atmos Mid-Tex Division; and

WHEREAS, the initial RRM Tariff was in effect for four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, ACSC Cities and Atmos Mid-Tex entered into another settlement agreement and revised the RRM Tariff; and

WHEREAS, ACSC Cities and Atmos Mid-Tex compromised and reached agreements on the amount of the rate increases to be in effect for the RRM Tariff filings for 2012 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, ACSC Cities and Atmos Mid-Tex were unable to reach an agreement on the 2014 RRM Tariff filing, resulting in the ACSC Cities' rejection of the 2014 RRM filing; and

WHEREAS, Atmos Mid-Tex appealed the ACSC Cities' actions rejecting its 2014 RRM filing to the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Commission"), pursuant to the provisions of the RRM Tariff; and

WHEREAS, Atmos Mid-Tex and ACSC litigated the appeal of the 2014 RRM filing at the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2015, Atmos Mid-Tex filed its 2015 RRM Tariff filing, requesting to increase natural gas base rates system-wide by \$28.762 million; and

WHEREAS, ACSC coordinated its review of Atmos Mid-Tex RRM filing through its Executive Committee, assisted by ACSC's attorneys and consultants, to resolve issues identified in the Company's RRM filing; and

WHEREAS, Atmos Mid-Tex has agreed to withdraw its appeal of ACSC's rejection of its 2014 RRM Tariff rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, as well as ACSC's counsel and consultants, recommend that ACSC Cities approve the attached Settlement Agreement (Attachment A to this

Resolution) as well as the tariffs attached thereto, resolving both the 2014 and the 2015 RRM Tariff filings, which together will increase the Company's revenues by \$65.7 million over the amount allowed under City-approved rates set in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the attached tariffs implementing new rates are consistent with the negotiated Settlement Agreement and are just, reasonable, and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the RRM Tariff should be renewed for a period of time commencing in 2016 and continuing until the RRM Tariff is suspended by ordinance of the City; and

WHEREAS, the RRM Tariff contemplates reimbursement of ACSC's reasonable expenses associated with RRM applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Richland Hills, TEXAS:

**Section 1.** That the findings set forth in this Resolution are hereby in all things approved.

**Section 2.** That the City Council finds that the Settlement Agreement (Attachment A to this Resolution) represents a comprehensive settlement of gas utility rate issues affecting the rates, operations, and services offered by Atmos Mid-Tex within the municipal limits arising from Atmos Mid-Tex's 2014 and 2015 RRM filings, is in the public interest, and is consistent with the City's authority under Section 103.001 of the Texas Utilities Code.

**Section 3.** That the existing rates for natural gas service provided by Atmos Mid-Tex are unreasonable. The new tariffs attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment C, are just and reasonable, and are designed to allow Atmos Mid-Tex to recover annually an additional \$65.7 million in revenue over the amount allowed under currently approved rates, or \$21 million over currently-billed rates, as shown in the Proof of Revenues attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment B; such tariffs are hereby adopted.

**Section 4.** That the ratemaking treatment for pensions and other post-employment benefits in Atmos' next RRM filing shall be as set forth on Attachment D, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**Section 5.** That in an effort to streamline the regulatory review process, the Atmos Mid-Tex RRM Tariff is renewed for a period commencing with the Company's March 1, 2016 RRM filing for calendar year 2015, effective June 1, 2016, and continuing thereafter until such time as the City adopts an ordinance suspending operation of the RRM Tariff.

**Section 6.** That Atmos Mid-Tex shall reimburse the reasonable ratemaking expenses of the ACSC in processing the Company's RRM application.

**Section 7.** That to the extent any resolution previously adopted by the Council is inconsistent with this Resolution, it is hereby repealed.

**Section 8.** That the meeting at which this Resolution was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

**Section 9.** That if any one or more sections or clauses of this Resolution is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution and the remaining provisions of the Resolution shall be interpreted as if the offending section or clause never existed.

**Section 10.** That consistent with the City ordinance that established the RRM process, this Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage with rates authorized by attached tariffs to be effective for bills rendered on or after June 1, 2015.

**Section 11.** That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Atmos Mid-Tex, care of Chris Felan, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs Mid-Tex Division, Atmos Energy

Corporation, 5420 LJB Freeway, Suite 1862, Dallas, Texas 75240, and to Geoffrey Gay, General Counsel to ACSC, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Secretary

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City Attorney

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX  
DIVISION AND ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, this agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) is entered into by Atmos Energy Corp’s Mid-Tex Division and Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) whose members include the Cities of Abilene, Addison, Allen, Alvarado, Angus, Anna, Argyle, Arlington, Aubrey, Bedford, Bellmead, Benbrook, Beverly Hills, Blossom, Blue Ridge, Bowie, Boyd, Bridgeport, Brownwood, Buffalo, Burkburnett, Burleson, Caddo Mills, Canton, Carrollton, Cedar Hill, Celeste, Celina, Centerville, Cisco, Clarksville, Cleburne, Clyde, College Station, Colleyville, Colorado City, Comanche, Commerce, Coolidge, Coppell, Copperas Cove, Corinth, Corral City, Crandall, Crowley, Dalworthington Gardens, Denison, DeSoto, Duncanville, Eastland, Edgecliff Village, Emory, Ennis, Euless, Everman, Fairview, Farmers Branch, Farmersville, Fate, Flower Mound, Forest Hill, Fort Worth, Frisco, Frost, Gainesville, Garland, Garrett, Grand Prairie, Grapevine, Gunter, Haltom City, Harker Heights, Haskell, Haslet, Hewitt, Highland Park, Highland Village, Honey Grove, Hurst, Hutto, Iowa Park, Irving, Justin, Kaufman, Keene, Keller, Kemp, Kennedale, Kerens, Kerrville, Killeen, Krum, Lake Worth, Lakeside, Lancaster, Lewisville, Lincoln Park, Little Elm, Lorena, Madisonville, Malakoff, Mansfield, McKinney, Melissa, Mesquite, Midlothian, Murphy, Newark, Nocona, North Richland Hills, Northlake, Oakleaf, Ovilla, Palestine, Pantego, Paris, Parker, Pecan Hill, Petrolia, Plano, Ponder, Pottsboro, Prosper, Quitman, Red Oak, Reno (Parker County), Richardson, Richland, Richland Hills, Roanoke, Robinson, Rockwall, Roscoe, Rowlett, Royse City, Sachse, Saginaw, Sansom Park, Seagoville, Sherman, Snyder, Southlake, Springtown, Stamford, Stephenville, Sulphur Springs, Sweetwater, Temple, Terrell, The Colony, Trophy Club, Tyler, University Park, Venus, Vernon, Waco, Watauga, Waxahachie, Westlake, White Settlement, Whitesboro, Wichita Falls, Woodway, and Wylie.

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2014, Atmos filed with the ACSC Cities an application, hereinafter referred to as the 2014 RRM filing, to adjust rates pursuant to Rider RRM - Rate Review Mechanism, which were subsequently consolidated into GUD No. 10359 at the Railroad Commission of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2015, Atmos filed with the ACSC Cities an application, hereinafter referred to as the 2015 RRM filing, to adjust rates pursuant to Rider RRM - Rate Review Mechanism; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement resolves all issues between Atmos and ACSC (“the Signatories”) regarding the 2014 RRM filing, which is currently pending before the Commission, and the 2015 RRM filing, which is currently pending before the ACSC Cities, in a manner that the Signatories believe is consistent with the public interest, and the Signatories represent diverse interests; and

WHEREAS, the Signatories believe that the resolution of the issues raised in the 2014 RRM filing and the 2015 RRM filing can best be accomplished by each ACSC City approving this Settlement Agreement and the rates, terms and conditions reflected in the tariffs attached to this Settlement Agreement as Exhibit A;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements and covenants established herein, the Signatories, through their undersigned representatives, agree to the

following Settlement Terms as a means of fully resolving all issues between Atmos and the ACSC Cities involving the 2014 RRM filing and 2015 RRM filing:

Settlement Terms

1. Upon the execution of this Settlement Agreement, the ACSC Cities will approve an ordinance or resolution to approve the Settlement Agreement and implement the rates, terms and conditions reflected in the tariffs attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit A. (Attachment A to the Ordinance ratifying the Agreement). Said tariffs should allow Atmos to recover annually an additional \$65.7 million in revenue over the amount allowed under currently approved rates by implementation of rates shown in the proof of revenues attached as Exhibit B. (Attachment B to the Ordinance ratifying this Agreement). The uniform implementation of gas rates, terms and conditions established by the Settlement Agreement shall be effective for bills rendered on or after June 1, 2015. Consistent with the City's authority under Section 103.001 of the Texas Utilities Code, the Settlement Agreement represents a comprehensive settlement of gas utility rate issues affecting the rates, operations and services offered by Atmos within the municipal limits of the ACSC Cities arising from Atmos' 2014 RRM filing and 2015 RRM filing. No refunds of charges billed to customers by Atmos under the RRM in past periods shall be owed or owing.
2. In an effort to streamline the regulatory review process, Atmos and the ACSC Cities have agreed to renew the Rate Review Mechanism ("Rider RRM") for a period commencing with the Company's March 1, 2016 filing under this mechanism for the calendar year 2015, effective June 1, 2016, and continuing thereafter until such time as either the ACSC Cities issue an ordinance stating a desire to discontinue the operation of the tariff or Atmos files a Statement of Intent. Atmos and the ACSC Cities further agree that the RRM tariff shall remain in effect until such time as new, final rates are established for Atmos. Upon approval of this Settlement Agreement by the ACSC Cities, Atmos shall file an updated RRM Tariff with each city reflecting the provisions of this agreement.
3. Atmos and the ACSC Cities agree that rate base as of December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$1,955,948,256 is just and reasonable and shall be recovered in rates.
4. Atmos and the ACSC Cities agree that a pension and other postemployment benefits balance as of December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$18,284,949 is just and reasonable and shall be used as the beginning balance for purposes of determining pension and other postemployment benefits to be recovered in the next RRM filing (Attachment D to the Ordinance ratifying the Agreement).
5. With regard to the treatment of Atmos' Rule 8.209 regulatory asset under the RRM, Atmos and the ACSC Cities agree to the following with respect to any pending and future RRM filings:
  - a. the capital investment in the Rule 8.209 regulatory asset in the 2014 RRM filing and 2015 RRM filing is reasonable and consistent with the requirements of Rule 8.209;

- b. the classification of projects included in the Rule 8.209 regulatory asset in the 2014 RRM filing and 2015 RRM filing is reasonable and consistent with the requirements of Rule 8.209 and shall serve as a basis for classification of projects in future RRM filings;
  - c. the treatment of blanket replacement projects, system upgrades, relocations, and transmission line replacements in the Rule 8.209 regulatory asset in the 2014 RRM filing and 2015 RRM filing is reasonable and consistent with the requirements of Rule 8.209 and shall be included in future RRM filings.
  - d. the incurred expenses included in the Rule 8.209 regulatory asset in the 2014 RRM and the 2015 RRM are reasonable and consistent with the requirements of Rule 8.209 and shall be included in future RRM filings;
  - e. interest on the Rule 8.209 regulatory asset account shall be calculated using the pre-tax cost of capital most recently approved by the Commission. The use of the pre-tax cost of capital is consistent with Rule 8.209. A return on Rule 8.209 capital investment is only earned once the investment is included in rate base. No change in the Company's calculation of the interest component in its Rule 8.209 regulatory asset accounts is warranted through the period ended May 31, 2015. Beginning June 1, 2015, interest expense shall be calculated monthly using simple interest (*i.e.* 11.49% divided by 12, or approximately 0.96% per month) applied to the total value of the Rule 8.209 asset investment (exclusive of interest) until such time the Rule 8.209 regulatory asset is approved for inclusion in the Company's rate base.
  - f. While Atmos and the ACSC Cities agree to apply the treatments and methodologies set forth in this paragraph, subsections (a) – (e) in all future RRM filings, the regulatory authority retains its right to disallow any capital investment that is not shown to be prudently incurred, and any expense not shown to be reasonable and necessary, in future RRM filings.
  - g. Atmos and the ACSC Cities acknowledge that their agreement regarding the treatment and methodologies applicable to Rule 8.209 capital investments under the RRM tariff shall not prejudice the right of either party to argue for different treatments or methodologies in a future statement of intent proceeding.
6. Revenues approved pursuant to Paragraph 1 of the Settlement Agreement include reimbursement of rate case expenses owed to the ACSC Cities in connection with the 2014 RRM filing.
  7. The Signatories agree that each ACSC city shall approve this Settlement Agreement and adopt an ordinance or resolution to implement for the ACSC Cities the rates, terms, and conditions reflected in the tariffs attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit A. Atmos and ACSC further agree that at such time as all of the ACSC Cities have passed an ordinance or resolution consistent with the Settlement and Atmos has received such ordinance or resolution, Atmos shall withdraw its appeal of the currently pending RRM filing before the Railroad Commission of Texas in connection with the 2014 RRM filing.

8. Atmos and the ACSC Cities further agree that the express terms of the Rider RRM are supplemental to the filing, notice, regulatory review, or appellate procedural process of the ratemaking provisions of Chapter 104 of the Texas Utilities Code. If the statute requires a mandatory action on behalf of the municipal regulatory authority or Atmos, the parties will follow the provisions of such statute. If the statute allows discretion on behalf of the municipal regulatory authority, the ACSC Cities agree that they shall exercise such discretion in such a way as to implement the provisions of the RRM tariff. If Atmos appeals an action or inaction of an ACSC City regarding an RRM filing to the Railroad Commission, the ACSC Cities agree that they will not oppose the implementation of interim rates or advocate the imposition of a bond by Atmos consistent with the RRM tariff. Atmos agrees that it will make no filings on behalf of its Mid-Tex Division under the provisions of Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities code while the Rider RRM is in place. In the event that a regulatory authority fails to act or enters an adverse decision regarding the proposed annual RRM adjustment, the Railroad Commission of Texas shall have exclusive appellate jurisdiction, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Utilities Code, to review the action or inaction of the regulatory authority exercising exclusive original jurisdiction over the RRM request. In addition, the Signatories agree that this Settlement Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of the ACSC Cities' right to initiate a show cause proceeding or the Company's right to file a Statement of Intent under the provisions of the Texas Utilities Code.
9. The Signatories agree that the terms of the Settlement Agreement are interdependent and indivisible, and that if any ACSC city enters an order that is inconsistent with this Settlement Agreement, then any Signatory may withdraw without being deemed to have waived any procedural right or to have taken any substantive position on any fact or issue by virtue of that Signatory's entry into the Settlement Agreement or its subsequent withdrawal. If any ACSC city rejects this Settlement Agreement, then this Settlement Agreement shall be void *ab initio* and counsel for the ACSC Cities shall thereafter only take such actions as are in accordance with the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.
10. The Signatories agree that all negotiations, discussions and conferences related to the Settlement Agreement are privileged, inadmissible, and not relevant to prove any issues associated with Atmos' 2014 RRM filing and 2015 RRM filing.
11. The Signatories agree that neither this Settlement Agreement nor any oral or written statements made during the course of settlement negotiations may be used for any purpose other than as necessary to support the entry by the ACSC Cities of an ordinance or resolution implementing this Settlement Agreement.
12. The Signatories agree that this Settlement Agreement is binding on each Signatory only for the purpose of settling the issues set forth herein and for no other purposes, and, except to the extent the Settlement Agreement governs a Signatory's rights and obligations for future periods, this Settlement Agreement shall not be binding or precedential upon a Signatory outside this proceeding.

13. The Signatories agree that this Settlement Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts and may be filed with facsimile signatures.

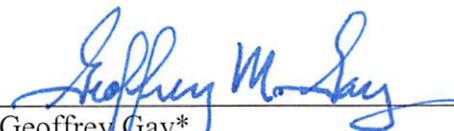
Agreed to this 7 day of May, 2015.

ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION

By: John A. Paris  
John A. Paris  
President, Mid-Tex Division

Agreed to this 7th day of May 2015.

ATTORNEY FOR ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE, WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDE THE CITIES OF ABILENE, ADDISON, ALLEN, ALVARADO, ANGUS, ANNA, ARGYLE, ARLINGTON, AUBREY, BEDFORD, BELLMEAD, BENBROOK, BEVERLY HILLS, BLOSSOM, BLUE RIDGE, BOWIE, BOYD, BRIDGEPORT, BROWNWOOD, BUFFALO, BURKBURNETT, BURLESON, CADDO MILLS, CANTON, CARROLLTON, CEDAR HILL, CELESTE, CELINA, CENTERVILLE, CISCO, CLARKSVILLE, CLEBURNE, CLYDE, COLLEGE STATION, COLLEYVILLE, COLORADO CITY, COMANCHE, COMMERCE, COOLIDGE, COPPELL, COPPERAS COVE, CORINTH, CORRAL CITY, CRANDALL, CROWLEY, DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, DENISON, DESOTO, DUNCANVILLE, EASTLAND, EDGECLIFF VILLAGE, EMORY, ENNIS, EULESS, EVERMAN, FAIRVIEW, FARMERS BRANCH, FARMERSVILLE, FATE, FLOWER MOUND, FOREST HILL, FORT WORTH, FRISCO, FROST, GAINESVILLE, GARLAND, GARRETT, GRAND PRAIRIE, GRAPEVINE, GUNTER, HALTOM CITY, HARKER HEIGHTS, HASKELL, HASLET, HEWITT, HIGHLAND PARK, HIGHLAND VILLAGE, HONEY GROVE, HURST, HUTTO, IOWA PARK, IRVING, JUSTIN, KAUFMAN, KEENE, KELLER, KEMP, KENNEDALE, KERENS, KERRVILLE, KILLEEN, KRUM, LAKE WORTH, LAKESIDE, LANCASTER, LEWISVILLE, LINCOLN PARK, LITTLE ELM, LORENA, MADISONVILLE, MALAKOFF, MANSFIELD, MCKINNEY, MELISSA, MESQUITE, MIDLOTHIAN, MURPHY, NEWARK, NOCONA, NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, NORTHLAKE, OAKLEAF, OVILLA, PALESTINE, PANTEGO, PARIS, PARKER, PECAN HILL, PETROLIA, PLANO, PONDER, POTTSBORO, PROSPER, QUITMAN, RED OAK, RENO (PARKER COUNTY), RICHARDSON, RICHLAND, RICHLAND HILLS, ROANOKE, ROBINSON, ROCKWALL, ROSCOE, ROWLETT, ROYSE CITY, SACHSE, SAGINAW, SANSOM PARK, SEAGOVILLE, SHERMAN, SNYDER, SOUTHLAKE, SPRINGTOWN, STAMFORD, STEPHENVILLE, SULPHUR SPRINGS, SWEETWATER, TEMPLE, TERRELL, THE COLONY, TROPHY CLUB, TYLER, UNIVERSITY PARK, VENUS, VERNON, WACO, WATAUGA, WAXAHACHIE, WESTLAKE, WHITE SETTLEMENT, WHITESBORO, WICHITA FALLS, WOODWAY, AND WYLIE.

By:   
Geoffrey Gay\*

\* Subject to approval by ACSC City Councils

**MID-TEX DIVISION  
 ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>C – COMMERCIAL SALES</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE MID-TEX DIVISION EXCEPT THE CITY OF DALLAS AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS</b>	
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	<b>Bills Rendered on or after 06/01/2015</b>	<b>PAGE:</b>

**Application**

Applicable to Commercial Customers for all natural gas provided at one Point of Delivery and measured through one meter and to Industrial Customers with an average annual usage of less than 30,000 Ccf.

**Type of Service**

Where service of the type desired by Customer is not already available at the Point of Delivery, additional charges and special contract arrangements between Company and Customer may be required prior to service being furnished.

**Monthly Rate**

Customer's monthly bill will be calculated by adding the following Customer and Ccf charges to the amounts due under the riders listed below:

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Customer Charge per Bill	\$ 40.00 per month
Rider CEE Surcharge	\$ 0.00 per month <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total Customer Charge</b>	<b>\$ 40.00 per month</b>
Commodity Charge – All Ccf	\$ 0.08020 per Ccf

Gas Cost Recovery: Plus an amount for gas costs and upstream transportation costs calculated in accordance with Part (a) and Part (b), respectively, of Rider GCR.

Weather Normalization Adjustment: Plus or Minus an amount for weather normalization calculated in accordance with Rider WNA.

Franchise Fee Adjustment: Plus an amount for franchise fees calculated in accordance with Rider FF. Rider FF is only applicable to customers inside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality.

Tax Adjustment: Plus an amount for tax calculated in accordance with Rider TAX.

Surcharges: Plus an amount for surcharges calculated in accordance with the applicable rider(s).

**Agreement**

An Agreement for Gas Service may be required.

**Notice**

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**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>I – INDUSTRIAL SALES</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE MID-TEX DIVISION EXCEPT THE CITY OF DALLAS AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS</b>	
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**Application**

Applicable to Industrial Customers with a maximum daily usage (MDU) of less than 3,500 MMBtu per day for all natural gas provided at one Point of Delivery and measured through one meter. Service for Industrial Customers with an MDU equal to or greater than 3,500 MMBtu per day will be provided at Company's sole option and will require special contract arrangements between Company and Customer.

**Type of Service**

Where service of the type desired by Customer is not already available at the Point of Delivery, additional charges and special contract arrangements between Company and Customer may be required prior to service being furnished.

**Monthly Rate**

Customer's monthly bill will be calculated by adding the following Customer and MMBtu charges to the amounts due under the riders listed below:

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Customer Charge per Meter	\$ 700.00 per month
First 0 MMBtu to 1,500 MMBtu	\$ 0.2937 per MMBtu
Next 3,500 MMBtu	\$ 0.2151 per MMBtu
All MMBtu over 5,000 MMBtu	\$ 0.0461 per MMBtu

Gas Cost Recovery: Plus an amount for gas costs and upstream transportation costs calculated in accordance with Part (a) and Part (b), respectively, of Rider GCR.

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**Curtailement Overpull Fee**

Upon notification by Company of an event of curtailement or interruption of Customer's deliveries, Customer will, for each MMBtu delivered in excess of the stated level of curtailement or interruption, pay Company 200% of the midpoint price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* published for the applicable Gas Day in the table entitled "Daily Price Survey."

**Replacement Index**

In the event the "midpoint" or "common" price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* in the table entitled "Daily Price Survey" is no longer published, Company will calculate the applicable imbalance fees utilizing a daily price index recognized as authoritative by the natural gas industry and most closely approximating the applicable index.

**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>I – INDUSTRIAL SALES</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE MID-TEX DIVISION EXCEPT THE CITY OF DALLAS AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS</b>	
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**Agreement**

An Agreement for Gas Service may be required.

**Notice**

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**Special Conditions**

In order to receive service under Rate I, Customer must have the type of meter required by Company. Customer must pay Company all costs associated with the acquisition and installation of the meter.

**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>R – RESIDENTIAL SALES</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE MID-TEX DIVISION EXCEPT THE CITY OF DALLAS AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS</b>	
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**Application**

Applicable to Residential Customers for all natural gas provided at one Point of Delivery and measured through one meter.

**Type of Service**

Where service of the type desired by Customer is not already available at the Point of Delivery, additional charges and special contract arrangements between Company and Customer may be required prior to service being furnished.

**Monthly Rate**

Customer's monthly bill will be calculated by adding the following Customer and Ccf charges to the amounts due under the riders listed below:

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Customer Charge per Bill	\$ 18.60 per month
Rider CEE Surcharge	\$ 0.02 per month <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total Customer Charge</b>	<b>\$ 18.62 per month</b>
Commodity Charge – All <u>Ccf</u>	\$0.09931 per Ccf

Gas Cost Recovery: Plus an amount for gas costs and upstream transportation costs calculated in accordance with Part (a) and Part (b), respectively, of Rider GCR.

Weather Normalization Adjustment: Plus or Minus an amount for weather normalization calculated in accordance with Rider WNA.

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**Agreement**

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**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>T – TRANSPORTATION</b>	
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**Application**

Applicable, in the event that Company has entered into a Transportation Agreement, to a customer directly connected to the Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division Distribution System (Customer) for the transportation of all natural gas supplied by Customer or Customer's agent at one Point of Delivery for use in Customer's facility.

**Type of Service**

Where service of the type desired by Customer is not already available at the Point of Delivery, additional charges and special contract arrangements between Company and Customer may be required prior to service being furnished.

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Customer Charge per Meter	\$ 700.00 per month
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All MMBtu over 5,000 MMBtu	\$ 0.0461 per MMBtu

Upstream Transportation Cost Recovery: Plus an amount for upstream transportation costs in accordance with Part (b) of Rider GCR.

Retention Adjustment: Plus a quantity of gas as calculated in accordance with Rider RA.

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Tax Adjustment: Plus an amount for tax calculated in accordance with Rider TAX.

Surcharges: Plus an amount for surcharges calculated in accordance with the applicable rider(s).

**Imbalance Fees**

All fees charged to Customer under this Rate Schedule will be charged based on the quantities determined under the applicable Transportation Agreement and quantities will not be aggregated for any Customer with multiple Transportation Agreements for the purposes of such fees.

**Monthly Imbalance Fees**

Customer shall pay Company the greater of (i) \$0.10 per MMBtu, or (ii) 150% of the difference per MMBtu between the highest and lowest "midpoint" price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* in the table entitled "Daily Price Survey" during such month, for the MMBtu of Customer's monthly Cumulative Imbalance, as defined in the applicable Transportation Agreement, at the end of each month that exceeds 10% of Customer's receipt quantities for the month.

**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>T – TRANSPORTATION</b>	
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**Curtailement Overpull Fee**

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In the event the "midpoint" or "common" price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* in the table entitled "Daily Price Survey" is no longer published, Company will calculate the applicable imbalance fees utilizing a daily price index recognized as authoritative by the natural gas industry and most closely approximating the applicable index.

**Agreement**

A transportation agreement is required.

**Notice**

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**Special Conditions**

In order to receive service under Rate T, customer must have the type of meter required by Company. Customer must pay Company all costs associated with the acquisition and installation of the meter.

**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RIDER:</b>	<b>WNA – WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE MID-TEX DIVISION EXCEPT THE CITY OF DALLAS AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS</b>	
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Provisions for Adjustment

The Commodity Charge per Ccf (100 cubic feet) for gas service set forth in any Rate Schedules utilized by the cities of the Mid-Tex Division service area for determining normalized winter period revenues shall be adjusted by an amount hereinafter described, which amount is referred to as the "Weather Normalization Adjustment." The Weather Normalization Adjustment shall apply to all temperature sensitive residential and commercial bills based on meters read during the revenue months of November through April. The five regional weather stations are Abilene, Austin, Dallas, Waco, and Wichita Falls.

Computation of Weather Normalization Adjustment

The Weather Normalization Adjustment Factor shall be computed to the nearest one-hundredth cent per Ccf by the following formula:

$$WNAF_i = R_i \frac{(HSF_i \times (NDD-ADD))}{(BL_i + (HSF_i \times ADD))}$$

Where

- $i$  = any particular Rate Schedule or billing classification within any such particular Rate Schedule that contains more than one billing classification
- $WNAF_i$  = Weather Normalization Adjustment Factor for the  $i^{th}$  rate schedule or classification expressed in cents per Ccf
- $R_i$  = Commodity Charge rate of temperature sensitive sales for the  $i^{th}$  schedule or classification.
- $HSF_i$  = heat sensitive factor for the  $i^{th}$  schedule or classification divided by the average bill count in that class
- $NDD$  = billing cycle normal heating degree days calculated as the simple ten-year average of actual heating degree days.
- $ADD$  = billing cycle actual heating degree days.
- $BL_i$  = base load sales for the  $i^{th}$  schedule or classification divided by the average bill count in that class

The Weather Normalization Adjustment for the  $j$ th customer in  $i$ th rate schedule is computed as:

$$WNA_j = WNAF_i \times q_{ij}$$

Where  $q_{ij}$  is the relevant sales quantity for the  $j$ th customer in  $i$ th rate schedule.

**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RIDER:</b>	<b>WNA – WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT</b>	
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Base Use/Heat Use Factors

Weather Station	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Commercial</u>	
	Base use <u>Ccf</u>	Heat use <u>Ccf/HDD</u>	Base use <u>Ccf</u>	Heat use <u>Ccf/HDD</u>
Abilene	10.22	0.1404	98.80	0.6372
Austin	11.59	0.1443	213.62	0.7922
Dallas	14.12	0.2000	208.11	0.9085
Waco	9.74	0.1387	130.27	0.6351
Wichita Falls	11.79	0.1476	122.35	0.5772

Weather Normalization Adjustment (WNA) Report

On or before June 1 of each year, the company posts on its website at [atmosenergy.com/mtx-wna](http://atmosenergy.com/mtx-wna), in Excel format, a *Weather Normalization Adjustment (WNA) Report* to show how the company calculated its WNAs factor during the preceding winter season. Additionally, on or before June 1 of each year, the company files one hard copy and a Excel version of the *WNA Report* with the Railroad Commission of Texas' Gas Services Division, addressed to the Director of that Division.

ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION  
PROOF OF REVENUES AND PROPOSED TARIFF STRUCTURE  
TEST YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g)

1 Proposed Change In Rates: \$21,066,527 Schedule A  
2 Proposed Change In Rates without Revenue Related Taxes: \$19,757,254 Ln 1 divided by factor on WP\_F-5.1

	Revenue Requirements	Allocations	
7 Residential	\$ 338,431,486	77.95%	Per GUD 10170 Final Order
8 Commercial	\$ 84,223,622	19.40%	Per GUD 10170 Final Order
9 Industrial and Transportation	\$ 11,490,316	2.65%	Per GUD 10170 Final Order
10 Net Revenue Requirements GUD No. 10170	\$ 434,145,424		

Rate Class	Current	Proposed Change	Proposed Rates	Proposed Change In Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Proposed Rates with Rate Case Expenses
20 Residential Base Charge	\$ 18.20	\$ 0.36	\$ 18.56	\$ 6,351,350	\$ 327,447,398	\$ 18.60
21 Residential Consumption Charge	\$ 0.08819	\$ 0.01112	\$ 0.09931	\$ 9,049,383	\$ 80,817,829	\$ 0.09931
22 Commercial Base Charge	\$ 38.50	\$ 1.37	\$ 39.87	\$ 2,000,584	\$ 58,221,364	\$ 40.00
23 Commercial Consumption Charge	\$ 0.07681	\$ 0.00339	\$ 0.08020	\$ 1,834,968	\$ 43,411,339	\$ 0.08020
24 I&T Base Charge	\$ 675.00	\$ 22.35	\$ 697.35	\$ 220,192	\$ 6,870,292	\$ 700.00
25 I&T Consumption Charge Tier 1 MMBTU	\$ 0.2807	\$ 0.0130	\$ 0.2937	\$ 142,055	\$ 3,209,350	\$ 0.2937
26 I&T Consumption Charge Tier 2 MMBTU	\$ 0.2056	\$ 0.0095	\$ 0.2151	\$ 117,051	\$ 2,650,282	\$ 0.2151
27 I&T Consumption Charge Tier 3 MMBTU	\$ 0.0441	\$ 0.0020	\$ 0.0461	\$ 42,703	\$ 984,314	\$ 0.0461
			\$	\$ 19,758,287	\$ 523,612,169	

Data Sources:  
GUD10170\_FINAL.xlsm

ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION  
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**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>C – COMMERCIAL SALES</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE MID-TEX DIVISION EXCEPT THE CITY OF DALLAS AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS</b>	
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**Application**

Applicable to Commercial Customers for all natural gas provided at one Point of Delivery and measured through one meter and to Industrial Customers with an average annual usage of less than 30,000 Ccf.

**Type of Service**

Where service of the type desired by Customer is not already available at the Point of Delivery, additional charges and special contract arrangements between Company and Customer may be required prior to service being furnished.

**Monthly Rate**

Customer's monthly bill will be calculated by adding the following Customer and Ccf charges to the amounts due under the riders listed below:

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Customer Charge per Bill	\$ 40.00 per month
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<b>Total Customer Charge</b>	<b>\$ 40.00 per month</b>
Commodity Charge – All Ccf	\$ 0.08020 per Ccf

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Tax Adjustment: Plus an amount for tax calculated in accordance with Rider TAX.

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**Agreement**

An Agreement for Gas Service may be required.

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**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

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**Application**

Applicable to Industrial Customers with a maximum daily usage (MDU) of less than 3,500 MMBtu per day for all natural gas provided at one Point of Delivery and measured through one meter. Service for Industrial Customers with an MDU equal to or greater than 3,500 MMBtu per day will be provided at Company's sole option and will require special contract arrangements between Company and Customer.

**Type of Service**

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**Special Conditions**

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**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>R – RESIDENTIAL SALES</b>	
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**Application**

Applicable to Residential Customers for all natural gas provided at one Point of Delivery and measured through one meter.

**Type of Service**

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**MID-TEX DIVISION  
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

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**Imbalance Fees**

All fees charged to Customer under this Rate Schedule will be charged based on the quantities determined under the applicable Transportation Agreement and quantities will not be aggregated for any Customer with multiple Transportation Agreements for the purposes of such fees.

**Monthly Imbalance Fees**

Customer shall pay Company the greater of (i) \$0.10 per MMBtu, or (ii) 150% of the difference per MMBtu between the highest and lowest "midpoint" price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* in the table entitled "Daily Price Survey" during such month, for the MMBtu of Customer's monthly Cumulative Imbalance, as defined in the applicable Transportation Agreement, at the end of each month that exceeds 10% of Customer's receipt quantities for the month.

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**Curtailement Overpull Fee**

Upon notification by Company of an event of curtailment or interruption of Customer's deliveries, Customer will, for each MMBtu delivered in excess of the stated level of curtailment or interruption, pay Company 200% of the midpoint price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* published for the applicable Gas Day in the table entitled "Daily Price Survey."

**Replacement Index**

In the event the "midpoint" or "common" price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* in the table entitled "Daily Price Survey" is no longer published, Company will calculate the applicable imbalance fees utilizing a daily price index recognized as authoritative by the natural gas industry and most closely approximating the applicable index.

**Agreement**

A transportation agreement is required.

**Notice**

Service hereunder and the rates for services provided are subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction and to the Company's Tariff for Gas Service.

**Special Conditions**

In order to receive service under Rate T, customer must have the type of meter required by Company. Customer must pay Company all costs associated with the acquisition and installation of the meter.

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Provisions for Adjustment

The Commodity Charge per Ccf (100 cubic feet) for gas service set forth in any Rate Schedules utilized by the cities of the Mid-Tex Division service area for determining normalized winter period revenues shall be adjusted by an amount hereinafter described, which amount is referred to as the "Weather Normalization Adjustment." The Weather Normalization Adjustment shall apply to all temperature sensitive residential and commercial bills based on meters read during the revenue months of November through April. The five regional weather stations are Abilene, Austin, Dallas, Waco, and Wichita Falls.

Computation of Weather Normalization Adjustment

The Weather Normalization Adjustment Factor shall be computed to the nearest one-hundredth cent per Ccf by the following formula:

$$WNAF_i = R_i \frac{(HSF_i \times (NDD-ADD))}{(BL_i + (HSF_i \times ADD))}$$

Where

- $i$  = any particular Rate Schedule or billing classification within any such particular Rate Schedule that contains more than one billing classification
- $WNAF_i$  = Weather Normalization Adjustment Factor for the  $i^{th}$  rate schedule or classification expressed in cents per Ccf
- $R_i$  = Commodity Charge rate of temperature sensitive sales for the  $i^{th}$  schedule or classification.
- $HSF_i$  = heat sensitive factor for the  $i^{th}$  schedule or classification divided by the average bill count in that class
- $NDD$  = billing cycle normal heating degree days calculated as the simple ten-year average of actual heating degree days.
- $ADD$  = billing cycle actual heating degree days.
- $BL_i$  = base load sales for the  $i^{th}$  schedule or classification divided by the average bill count in that class

The Weather Normalization Adjustment for the  $j$ th customer in  $i$ th rate schedule is computed as:

$$WNA_j = WNAF_i \times q_{ij}$$

Where  $q_{ij}$  is the relevant sales quantity for the  $j$ th customer in  $i$ th rate schedule.

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Base Use/Heat Use Factors

Weather Station	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Commercial</u>	
	Base use <u>Ccf</u>	Heat use <u>Ccf/HDD</u>	Base use <u>Ccf</u>	Heat use <u>Ccf/HDD</u>
Abilene	10.22	0.1404	98.80	0.6372
Austin	11.59	0.1443	213.62	0.7922
Dallas	14.12	0.2000	208.11	0.9085
Waco	9.74	0.1387	130.27	0.6351
Wichita Falls	11.79	0.1476	122.35	0.5772

Weather Normalization Adjustment (WNA) Report

On or before June 1 of each year, the company posts on its website at [atmosenergy.com/mtx-wna](http://atmosenergy.com/mtx-wna), in Excel format, a *Weather Normalization Adjustment (WNA) Report* to show how the company calculated its WNAs factor during the preceding winter season. Additionally, on or before June 1 of each year, the company files one hard copy and a Excel version of the *WNA Report* with the Railroad Commission of Texas' Gas Services Division, addressed to the Director of that Division.

