## RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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PETITION FOR DE NOVO REVIEW OF \$
THE REDUCTION OF THE GAS \$
UTILITY RATES OF ATMOS ENERGY \$
CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION, BY THE \$
CITIES OF BLUE RIDGE, CADDO \$
MILLS ET AL. \$

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES IN THE ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION GAS UTILITY SYSTEM

PETITION FOR REVIEW FROM THE ACTIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES DENYING RATE REQUEST

GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9670 (and consolidated cases)

## ORDER RELEASING BONDS

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007, came to be heard the request of Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division (hereinafter "Atmos") Request to Release Bonds. Having considered said request, the Railroad Commission of Texas (hereinafter the "Commission") hereby FINDS and ORDERS as follows:

## I. Commission Findings

- 1. On May 19, 2006, Atmos filed in these consolidated proceedings a duly executed bond (No. 104745883) in the amount of \$4,400,000. On May 31, 2006, Atmos filed a second duly executed bond (No. 104751919) in the amount of \$21,500,000, which supplemented the first bond and brought the total amount secured thereby to \$25,900,000. By prior order of the Commission, these bonds were deemed sufficient and approved by the Commission.
- 2. The Commission's Order on Rehearing issued on June 13, 2007, approved an overall revenue increase from preexisting levels, rather than a decrease entailing refunds or credits to ratepayers. The Order on Rehearing also required a refund, related to certain interim rate adjustments, which Atmos has implemented.
- 3. On September 10, 2007, Atmos filed its request that the original executed bonds filed with the Commission be returned to the Company's possession.
- 4. By letter dated September 14, 2007, the parties were requested to file any objection to the request no later than Friday, September 21, 2007. No objections were filed.

## **II. Commission Order**

In consideration of the foregoing findings, the Commission hereby ORDERS that the request of

Atmos on September	r 10, 2007, is GRANTED and	I that the bonds filed by Atmos are hereby released.
SIGNED this	day of October, 2007.	
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