

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ATMOS (“CITIES”) AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., WEST TEXAS DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY’S 2018 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILINGS; 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 ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT REGARDING AMORTIZATION OF REGULATORY LIABILITY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE CITIES’ 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 CITIES’ LEGAL COUNSEL.

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

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

WHEREAS, Cities and the Company worked collaboratively to develop a new Rate Review Mechanism (“RRM”) tariff that allows for an expedited rate review process by Cities as

a substitute to the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (“GRIP”) process instituted by the Legislature, and that will establish rates for Cities based on the system-wide cost of serving the Atmos West Texas service area; and

WHEREAS, the RRM tariff was adopted by the City in a rate ordinance earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, on about April 1, 2018, Atmos West Texas filed its 2018 RRM rate request with Cities based on a test year ending December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Cities coordinated its review of the Atmos West Texas 2018 RRM filing through its Executive Committee, assisted by Cities’ attorneys and consultants, to resolve issues identified in the Company’s RRM filing; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, as well as Cities’ counsel and consultants, recommends that Cities approve an increase in base rates for Atmos West Texas of \$6.1 million on a system-wide basis (\$2.6 million of which is applicable to Cities’ members); and

WHEREAS, the attached tariffs (Exhibit A) implementing new rates are consistent with the recommendation of the Cities’ Executive Committee, are agreed to by the Company, and are just, reasonable, and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Exhibit A rate tariffs incorporate the federal income tax rates that became effective January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the settlement agreement sets a new benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits (Exhibit B) and

WHEREAS, the settlement agreement establishes an amortization schedule for regulatory liability (Exhibit C); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, 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 settled amount of an increase in revenues of \$6.1 million on a system-wide basis represents a comprehensive settlement of gas utility rate issues affecting the rates, operations, and services offered by Atmos West Texas within the municipal limits arising from Atmos West Texas' 2018 RRM filing, 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 West Texas are unreasonable. The new tariffs attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, are just and reasonable, and are designed to allow Atmos West Texas to recover annually an additional \$6.1 million in revenue on a system-wide basis over the amount allowed under currently approved rates. Such tariffs are hereby adopted.

Section 4. That the ratemaking treatment for pensions and retiree medical benefits in Atmos West Texas' next RRM filing shall be as set forth on Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 5. That amortization of regulatory liability shall be consistent with the schedule found in Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 6. That Atmos West Texas shall reimburse the reasonable ratemaking expenses of the Cities in processing the Company's 2018 RRM filing.

Section 7. That to the extent any resolution or ordinance 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 October 1, 2018.

Section 11. That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Atmos West Texas, care of Philip Littlejohn, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, West Texas Division, 6606 66th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424, and Geoffrey Gay, General Counsel to Cities, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Secretary

City Attorney