

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
GAS SERVICES DIVISION**

**GAS UTILITIES  
INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**No. 830**



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OF TEXAS**

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**October 25, 2007**

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Orders were issued in the following dockets:

**GUD No. 9670 (and consolidated cases)**

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 – *Order Releasing Bonds*.

**GUD No. 9685**

Complaint Filed by Cima Energy, LTD. Against Teppco Crude Oil Pipeline, L.P. and Request for Order Granting Access to Transport Crude Oil – *Order of Dismissal*.

**SECTION 1**  
**NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED**

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9759  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centana Intrastate Pipeline, LLC to Review the Reasonableness of Transportation and Storage Rates.  
**DATE FILED** -- July 27, 2007  
**FILED BY** -- Daniel R. Renner  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Evarts

**SECTION 2**

**APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

None at this time.

**SECTION 3**  
**STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

None at this time.

**SECTION 4**  
**NOTICES OF DISMISSAL**

None at this time.

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**SECTION 5**  
**ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION**

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

**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**

**GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9670 (and  
consolidated cases)**

**PETITION FOR REVIEW FROM THE  
ACTIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES DENYING  
RATE REQUEST**

**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 AAtmos@) Request to Release Bonds. Having considered said request, the Railroad Commission of Texas (hereinafter the ACommission@) 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.

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**II. Commission Order**

In consideration of the foregoing findings, the Commission hereby ORDERS that the request of Atmos on September 10, 2007, is GRANTED and that the bonds filed by Atmos are hereby released.

**SIGNED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

*/s/* \_\_\_\_\_  
**MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS**  
**CHAIRMAN**

*/s/* \_\_\_\_\_  
**VICTOR G. CARRILLO**  
**COMMISSIONER**

*/s/* \_\_\_\_\_  
**ELIZABETH A. JONES**  
**COMMISSIONER**

**ATTEST**

**Kim Williamson** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SECRETARY**



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**Kim Williamson** \_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY

**SECTION 6**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

**STEPHEN L. PITNER, GAS SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR**

**1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

**A. Publications**

1. Texas Utilities Code Titles 3 and 4. Now available at the State of Texas' website at:  
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/uttoc.html>  
  
Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules. Now available thru the Commission's Website at:  
[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac.\\$ext\\_ViewTAC?tac\\_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac.$ext_ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7)
  
2.
  - a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/2006AnnualStatisticalReport.html>
  - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/RRCAnnualReport2005.htm>
  - c. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/TABLECON04.htm>
  - d. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2003 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents03.html>
  - e. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents02.html>
  - f. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents01.html>
  - g. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000 - \$17.00 (includes statistical data for 1999)
  
3. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - \$2.00 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/sixmcf.html>

Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of any of the publications or maps listed in Section A should contact the Central Records Section at 512-463-6887 OR 512-463-6882 P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

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**B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits**

We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2007 is 4.68%. All gas utilities should use 3.09% through December 31, 2006 and use 4.68% effective January 1, 2007.

**2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION****A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:**

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building 1701 North Congress, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78701	Telephone (512) 463-7022 Fax (512) 475-3180
Ed Abrahamson, Director, Utility Audit Section Shannon Miller, Program Specialist Pearl Rodriguez, Program Specialist Rachel Hampton, Administrative Assistant	
Dallas District- 1546 Rowlett Rd., Suite 107, Garland, Texas 75043	Telephone (972) 240-5757 Fax (972) 303-1897
Yolandra Davis, Auditor Josh Settle, Auditor	
Austin District- P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967	Telephone (512) 463-7022 Fax (512) 475-3180
Stephen Cooper, Senior Auditor	
Houston District- 1706 Seamist Drive. Suite 501 Houston, TX 77008-3135	Telephone (713) 869-8425 Fax (713) 869-3219
Margie Stoney, Senior Auditor Larry Alcorn, Auditor Dale Francis, Auditor LaToya Johnson, Auditor Konata Uzoma, Auditor	

**B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports**

1. Questions relating to gas utility tax, call Rachel Hampton at (512) 463-7022.
2. Questions relating to annual reports, call Rachel Hampton or Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
3. Inquiries relating to audit reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.

**C. Available Information**

Copies of gas utility annual reports (2000 to present), as well as information relating to any of the above, A through C, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Division, 9th Floor, 1701 North Congress. All requests for copies must be made in writing and should be addressed to the Audit Section. Copies will be provided for a fee, depending on the volume of copy work desired, allow a minimum of seven to ten business days for completion of requests. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022, or Fax your request to (512) 475-3180.

**3. MARKET OVERSIGHT**

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**A. Maintains the following office to assist you:**

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building  
1701 North Congress, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711  
William O. Geise, Director

Telephone (512) 463-7164

**B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin**Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/rapbls.html>**C. Proposals For Decision**Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/pfds.html>**D. Tariff Filings**

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Kathy Arroyo, Yolanda Lovelace or Marie Blanco at (512) 463-7167.

**E. Curtailments**

Curtailment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made during hours other than those specified above and holidays, should be made to (512) 463-6788.

**F. Compliance Filings**

Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Mark Brock at (512) 463-7164.

**G. Complaints and Inquiries**

All complaints and inquiries relating to the gas utility industry should be directed to the Market Oversight Section at (512) 463-7164.

**H. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations:**

GUD No. 9277 Amendments to §7.305 Curtailment Rule

**4. HEARINGS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS****A. Miscellaneous**

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.

**B. Status of Pending Cases**

The status of all pending cases listed in Section 3 of this Bulletin is for informational purposes only and is complete up to the time of printing of this Bulletin. For a more accurate status of pending cases, please call the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.