

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02-19-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTER, TEXAS, APPROVING A TARIFF AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL RATE REVIEW MECHANISM (“RRM”) AS A SUBSTITUTION FOR THE ANNUAL INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS DEFINED BY SECTION 104.301 OF THE TEXAS UTILITIES CODE, AND AS NEGOTIATED BETWEEN ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION (“ATMOS MID-TEX” OR “COMPANY”) AND THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ATMOS; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE CITIES’ REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the City of Gunter, 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 Mid-Tex; and

WHEREAS, the City and similarly-situated Mid-Tex municipalities created the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Atmos to efficiently address all rate and service matters associated with delivery of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee formed an Executive Committee to direct legal counsel and to recommend certain specific actions to all aligned Mid-Tex Cities through resolution or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of a November 2007 agreement between the Steering Committee and Atmos Mid-Tex that settled the Company’s interim rate filing under Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code (a “GRIP” rate case), the Steering Committee and the Company collaboratively developed a Rate Review Mechanism (“RRM”) Tariff, ultimately

authorized by the City in 2008, that allows for an expedited rate review process as a substitute for the GRIP process; and

WHEREAS, the City has kept some form of a RRM Tariff in place until 2017 when it adopted an ordinance approving an RRM Tariff filing settlement and specifically calling for termination of the existing RRM Tariff and negotiation of a replacement RRM Tariff following the Railroad Commission's decision in a then-pending Atmos Texas Pipeline case (GUD No. 10580); and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee's Executive Committee has recently approved a settlement with the Company on the attached RRM Tariff that contains certain notable improvements, from a consumer perspective, over the prior RRM Tariff, including a reduced rate of return on equity, acceptance of certain expense adjustments made by the Railroad Commission in the Order in GUD No. 10580, and the addition of two months to the time for processing a RRM Tariff application; and

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

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee's Executive Committee recommends that all Steering Committee member cities adopt this ordinance and the attached RRM Tariff; and

WHEREAS, the attached RRM Tariff is just, reasonable and in the public interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNTER, TEXAS:

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

Section 2. That the attached RRM Tariff re-establishing a form of Rate Review Mechanism is just and reasonable and in the public interest, and is hereby adopted.

Section 3. That Atmos Mid-Tex shall reimburse the Cities' reasonable expenses associated with adoption of this Ordinance and the attached RRM Tariff and in processing future RRM Tariff applications filed pursuant to the attached tariff.

Section 4. That to the extent any resolution or ordinance previously adopted by the City is inconsistent with this Ordinance, it is hereby repealed.

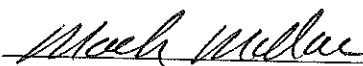
Section 5. That the meeting at which this Ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Section 6. That if any one or more sections or clauses of this Ordinance is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Ordinance , and the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall be interpreted as if the offending section or clause never existed.

Section 7. That this Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage.

Section 8. That a copy of this Ordinance shall be sent to Atmos Mid-Tex, care of Chris Felan, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division, 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1862, Dallas, Texas 75240, and to Geoffrey Gay, General Counsel to Mid-Tex Cities, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

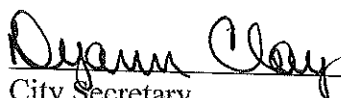
PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of February, 2018.



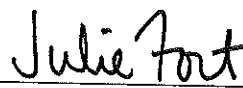
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Secretary



City Attorney

**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
MID-TEX DIVISION**

RATE SCHEDULE:	RRM – Rate Review Mechanism	
APPLICABLE TO:	ALL CITIES IN THE MID-TEX DIVISION AS IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A TO THIS RATE SCHEDULE	
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Exhibit A

ACSC Cities

Abilene	Cleburne	Frost	Lincoln Park
Addison	Clyde	Gainesville	Little Elm
Albany	College Station	Garland	Lorena
Allen	Colleyville	Garrett	Madisonville
Alvarado	Colorado City	Grand Prairie	Malakoff
Angus	Comanche	Grapevine	Mansfield
Anna	Commerce	Groesbeck	Mckinney
Argyle	Coolidge	Gunter	Melissa
Arlington	Coppell	Haltom City	Mesquite
Aubrey	Copperas Cove	Harker Heights	Midlothian
Azle	Corinth	Haskell	Murphy
Bedford	Crandall	Haslet	Newark
Bellmead	Crowley	Hewitt	Nocona
Benbrook	Dalworthington Gardens	Highland Park	North Richland Hills
Beverly Hills	Denison	Highland Village	Northlake
Blossom	Denton	Honey Grove	Oak Leaf
Blue Ridge	Desoto	Hurst	Ovilla
Bowie	Draper	Hutto	Palestine
Boyd	Duncanville	Iowa Park	Pantego
Bridgeport	Eastland	Irving	Paris
Brownwood	Edgecliff Village	Justin	Parker
Buffalo	Emory	Kaufman	Pecan Hill
Burkburnett	Ennis	Keene	Petrolia
Burleson	Eules	Keller	Piano
Caddo Mills	Everman	Kemp	Ponder
Canton	Fairview	Kennedale	Pottsboro
Carrollton	Farmers Branch	Kerens	Prosper
Cedar Hill	Farmersville	Kerrville	Quitman
Celeste	Fate	Killeen	Red Oak
Celina	Flower Mound	Krum	Reno (Parker County)
Centerville	Forest Hill	Lake Worth	Rhome
Cisco	Forney	Lakeside	Richardson
Clarksville	Fort Worth	Lancaster	Richland
	Frisco	Lewisville	Richland Hills

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River Oaks	Temple
Roanoke	Terrell
Robinson	The Colony
Rockwall	Trophy Club
Roscoe	Tyler
Rowlett	University Park
Royse City	Venus
Sachse	Vernon
Saginaw	Waco
Sansom Park	Watauga
Seagoville	Waxahachie
Sherman	Westlake
Snyder	Westover Hills
Southlake	Westworth Village
Springtown	White Settlement
Stamford	Whitesboro
Stephenville	Wichita Falls
Sulphur Springs	Woodway
Sweetwater	Wylie