

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2005

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE PROPOSAL BY ATMOS ENERGY CORP. TO IMPLEMENT INTERIM GRIP RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR GAS UTILITY INVESTMENT IN 2003; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER CITIES SERVED BY ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION, IN A REVIEW AND INQUIRY INTO THE BASIS AND REASONABLENESS OF THE PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENTS; AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND COURT PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING THE PROPOSED GRIP RATE ADJUSTMENTS; DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY TO SERVE ON A STEERING COMMITTEE; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF REASONABLE LEGAL AND CONSULTANT EXPENSES

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

WHEREAS, Atmos Mid-Tex made filings with the City and the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Railroad Commission") in December, 2004, proposing to implement interim rate adjustments ("GRIP Rate Increases") pursuant to Texas Utilities Code § 104.301 on all customers served by Atmos Mid-Tex; and

WHEREAS, ratepayers of Atmos Mid-Tex, including the City and its residents, will be adversely impacted by the proposed GRIP Rate Increases; and

WHEREAS, the City and its residents could benefit from coordination with other cities served by Atmos Mid-Tex ("Cities") in a review of the reasonableness of the proposed GRIP Rate Increases and joint participation in any proceedings at the Railroad Commission related to the proposed GRIP Rate Increases; and

WHEREAS, the reasonable costs associated with the participation of Cities in this rate proceeding are reimbursable from Atmos Mid-Tex.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The February 15, 2005, effective date of the GRIP Rate Increases proposed by Atmos Mid-Tex is hereby suspended to permit adequate time to review the proposed increases, analyze all necessary information, and take appropriate action related to the proposed increases.

2. The City is authorized to cooperate with other Cities to create and participate in a Steering Committee to hire and direct legal counsel and consultants, to negotiate with the Company, to make recommendations to the City regarding the proposed GRIP Rate Increases, and to direct any administrative proceedings or litigation associated with the proposed GRIP Rate Increases.


3. The City is authorized to intervene in any administrative proceedings or litigation associated with the proposed GRIP Rate Increases, including GUD No. 9560, the Company's proposed GRIP rate increase for its pipeline system filed at the Railroad Commission.

4. The City hereby designates Odis Dolton as a representative to a Cities' Steering Committee that shall direct the efforts of counsel and consultants.

5. Atmos Mid-Tex shall promptly reimburse the City's reasonable costs associated with the City's activities related to the proposed GRIP Rate Increases.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2005.

ATTEST:



City Secretary



Mayor

APPROVED:



City Attorney