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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### ***PSC to Hold First Hearing on Atmos Rate Increase Request***

Atlanta, January 6, 2010 — The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold the first round of hearings on the Atmos Energy request for an increase in its base rates beginning on Tuesday January 12, 2010. The hearings will continue on Wednesday January 13, 2010 and Thursday January 14, 2010 if needed. All hearings will begin at 10 a.m. except the January 14 session which will begin at 1:30 p.m. All hearings will take place in Room 110 at 244 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Atmos Energy filed a request on October 1, 2009 with the Commission to increase its rates. In its filing, Atmos says it is seeking \$3.7 million increase in rates due to changing market conditions and increases in operating costs. If approved, residential customers' monthly bills would increase by approximately \$4.00 (approximately \$48 annually). Any change in rates would take effect April 1, 2010. Georgia law requires the Commission to issue a decision on any new proposed rates within 180 days of the Company's filing.

The Commission approved Atmos' last rate increase on September 17, 2008.

The remaining schedule for this proceeding is:

February 18-19, 2010: Hearings on staff and intervenor testimony.

March 11, 2010. Hearing on Company rebuttal testimony.

March 29, 2010: The Commission issues its decision.

The audio web cast of the hearing is available on the Commission website, <http://www.psc.state.ga.us> under the Audio Broadcast link. More information is available under Docket Number 30442.

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