

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	14199	Agenda Number	91.
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Meeting Date:	4/26/2012	Department:	Telecommunications and Reg Affairs
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Subject

Set a public hearing regarding Atmos Energy Corporation's proposal to increase customer rates. (Suggested date and time: May 24, 2012, 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	Suspension of Atmos Energy Corporation’s proposed rates on March 1, 2012 granted.
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Additional Backup Information

On January 31 of this year, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division, filed for an increase in its system-wide annual rates by \$49.0 million, or 4.36% including gas costs or 11.94% excluding gas costs. Under the Gas Utilities Regulatory Act (Chapters 101 through 105 of the Texas Utilities Code), the City has original jurisdiction over gas utility rates set for customers within its city limits. Atmos Energy has approximately 6,300 customers in the City of Austin limits.

On March 1, 2012, the City Council suspended the effective date of the proposed increase to a date no earlier than June 4, 2012, as provided by state law. Austin is a member of the Atmos Texas Municipalities (ATM) which is a coalition of cities that are affected by the rate increase who jointly hired experts to properly review the filing.

Changes to the rates or charges of a City franchisee are required by City Charter to be considered in a hearing prior to approval.