



News Release

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ATMOS ENERGY DECLARES REGULAR DIVIDEND

DALLAS (August 9, 2006)—Atmos Energy Corporation (NYSE: ATO) said today that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on the company's common stock of 31.5 cents a share. The indicated annual dividend is \$1.26. The dividend will be paid on September 11, 2006, to shareholders of record on August 25, 2006. This is the company's 91st consecutive dividend.

Atmos Energy Corporation, headquartered in Dallas, is the country's largest natural gas-only distributor, serving about 3.2 million gas utility customers. Atmos Energy's utility operations serve more than 1,500 communities in 12 states from the Blue Ridge Mountains in the East to the Rocky Mountains in the West. Atmos Energy's nonutility operations, organized under Atmos Energy Holdings, Inc., operate in 22 states. They provide natural gas marketing and procurement services to industrial, commercial and municipal customers and manage company-owned natural gas storage and pipeline assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipeline systems in Texas. Atmos Energy is a Fortune 500 company. For more information, visit www.atmosenergy.com.

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