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Marc Chapman, of Atmos Energy, Wins Natural Gas Industry Achievement Award

DALLAS (April 27, 2007) – Marc Chapman, director of construction and maintenance operations for Atmos Energy (NYSE: ATO) of Dallas, Texas, today was named the winner of the American Gas Association's (AGA) 2007 Distribution Achievement Award. He was honored at the AGA annual Operations Conference, held in Grapevine, Texas, from April 24-26, 2007.

Sponsored by the American Meter Company, this award is presented each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the science and art of natural gas distribution.

Chapman was recognized for his invention of the Vapor Extraction Unit (VEU). The VEU device provides substantially improved safety operations in locating and mitigating leakages in underground natural gas pipes.

“The VEU has proven to save a tremendous amount of time,” said Chapman, director of operations for Atmos Energy’s Mid-Tex Division. “We can now clear the soil in days where using the old tube-type extraction machine might take a month. The faster work allows Atmos Energy crews to focus efforts on repairing leaks, not looking for them.”

Chapman is responsible for construction and maintenance operations in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area, which serves more than one million customers. He began his career with Lone Star Gas and has been with the utility for 28 years.

Chapman’s other positions at the company have included customer service tech, construction worker, backhoe operator, crew leader, construction supervisor, general supervisor, inspection and compliance manager, operations manager, process owner, code compliance manager, region manager and director.

Raised in Greenville, Chapman resides in Kaufman, Texas.

About Atmos Energy

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 pipeline and storage 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.

The American Gas Association, founded in 1918, represents 200 local energy utility companies that deliver natural gas to more than 64 million homes, businesses and industries throughout the United States. A total of 69 million residential, commercial and industrial customers receive natural gas in the US, and AGA's members' deliver 92 percent of all natural gas provided by the nation's natural gas utilities. Natural gas meets almost one-fourth of the United States' energy needs. For more information, please visit www.aga.org.

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