



## News Release

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**Atmos Energy Reminds Customers That Now is the Time to Winterize Their Homes and Their Household Budgets**

*Customers can sign up now for Budget Billing*

**DALLAS** — September 17, 2007 — While many parts of the country are still experiencing summer weather, natural gas customers probably aren't wondering what their heating bill will be when cold weather arrives.

Atmos Energy (NYSE:ATO), however, reminds customers that now is the time to prepare for winter by signing up for the company's Budget Billing plan, which should help make natural gas bills more affordable during winter months.

"Budget Billing is a great tool to use in managing any household budget," says Kim R. Cocklin, Atmos Energy senior vice president of utility operations. "The payment amount may vary from month to month due to changes in gas cost and usage, but Budget Billing gives customers a more consistent bill and helps them reduce their highest bills."

Each month, the Budget Billing plan recalculates the average using the previous 12 bills to arrive at the current amount to pay. The monthly payment will change slightly depending upon the most current 12-month average, but stays within a manageable, predictable range.

"By signing up now for our Budget Billing plan, customers can avoid the normal highs and lows in their gas bills this winter," says Cocklin. "The plan works year-round to even out monthly bills with only slight fluctuations. But the real benefit comes in the winter when changes in weather, consumption and volatile gas prices produce higher natural gas bills."

The Budget Billing plan is free to qualified customers and they are encouraged to sign up now to prepare for lower winter bills. Qualified customers can enroll online at [www.atmosenergy.com](http://www.atmosenergy.com) or, for more information, call the company's toll-free number, 1-888-ATMOS-00 (1-888-286-6700).

**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 storage and pipeline assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipelines in Texas. Atmos Energy is a Fortune 500 company. For more information, visit [www.atmosenergy.com](http://www.atmosenergy.com).

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