



## News Release

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### ***Atmos Energy is Sharing the Warmth in Your Community***

DALLAS (October 7, 2008)—Atmos Energy's (NYSE: ATO) Sharing the Warmth program is ready to aid customers who need assistance with their natural gas payments this winter. The program helps persons with low-income, the elderly and families with young children. Program funds are donated by customers, Atmos Energy and its employees. Local energy assistance agencies qualify and distribute the funds to customers in need.

"Atmos Energy is a catalyst for improving the quality of life in the communities it serves," said John Paris, president of Atmos Energy's Mid-Tex Division. "We are asking customers to consider a voluntary donation to help their neighbors who have fallen on hard times to stay warm, healthy and safe this winter."

Atmos Energy customers can make a donation by checking an amount on the back of their gas bill. They also can contribute online or by calling Atmos Energy's toll-free number at 1-888-286-6700.

"Even a dollar per month can help those who need temporary relief from a bad situation," added Paris. "All donations stay in the community where the customer lives."

Those assisted by the Sharing the Warmth program tend to be more vulnerable to illness, disease and malnutrition and poor medical care. Many may put their health at risk by leaving their furnaces off to avoid potentially high natural gas bills. Paris reminds everyone to check on his or her elderly relatives, friends and neighbors who may be in need during winter weather. Atmos Energy will work with them on an individual basis and can offer extensions on due dates, payment in installments or refer them to energy assistance agencies.

Atmos Energy's Mid-Tex Division serves about 1.5 million natural gas utility customers in North, Central and East Texas.

#### **About Atmos Energy**

Atmos Energy Corporation, headquartered in Dallas, is the country's largest natural-gas-only distributor, serving about 3.2 million natural gas distribution customers in more than 1,600 communities in 12 states from the Blue Ridge Mountains in the East to the Rocky Mountains in the West. Atmos Energy also provides natural gas marketing and

procurement services to industrial, commercial and municipal customers primarily in the Midwest and Southeast and manages 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](http://www.atmosenergy.com).

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