

**ORDINANCE NO. 20090820-063**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVISED GAS TARIFFS OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, MID-TEX DIVISION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1. FINDINGS.**

The Council finds:

- (A) The City of Austin ("City"), as a regulatory authority under the Gas Utility Regulatory Act ("GURA"), has exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates, operations, and services of gas utilities within the municipality, including those of Atmos Energy Corporation – Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos").
- (B) The City works in coalition with a group of other municipalities that also regulate Atmos, the coalition known as Atmos Texas Municipalities ("ATM").
- (C) Pursuant to a regular rate review mechanism ("RRM") established by Atmos and the ATM municipalities, Atmos filed its last RRM on March 6, 2009, requesting a net increase in rates \$15,047,441.
- (D) After almost four months of review and examination of the rate increase justification, ATM's experts were successful in getting Atmos to modify its requested net rate increase down to \$2.6 million causing rates to increase by approximately 15 cents per month for a typical residential customer.
- (F) The amended tariffs also includes changes to the Gas Cost Recovery tariff and the Conservation Energy Efficiency tariff ATM to allow certain costs related to financial hedging of gas costs to be included in periodic fuel adjustments and to allow for conservation measures up to \$1,500 per household for senior citizens and customers of modest means.
- (G) The Steering Committee of ATM and its lawyers recommend approval of the attached tariffs, set forth as Attachment A.
- (H) The tariffs and specific rates and charges appended to this ordinance are reasonable and in the public interest.

**PART 2.** The rates, tariffs, charges, schedules, and service rules appended to this ordinance as "Attachment A" for natural gas service provided by Atmos within the City of Austin, are reasonable and are hereby approved.

**PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on September 7, 2009.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

\_\_\_\_\_, August 20, 2009

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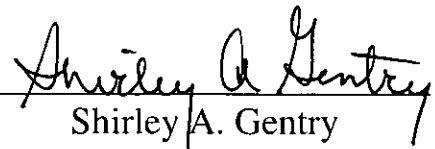
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Mayor

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City Clerk

**ATTACHMENT A**

**AMENDED TARIFFS**

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>R – RESIDENTIAL SALES</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>All Cities designated as “Group A” on the Cities Served List</b>	
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**Application**

Applicable to Residential Customers for all natural gas provided at one Point of Delivery and measured through one meter.

**Type of Service**

Where service of the type desired by Customer is not already available at the Point of Delivery, additional charges and special contract arrangements between Company and Customer may be required prior to service being furnished.

**Monthly Rate**

Customer's monthly bill will be calculated by adding the following Customer and Mcf charges to the amounts due under the riders listed below:

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Customer Charge per Bill	\$ 7.00 per month
Commodity Charge – All Mcf	\$2.2707 per Mcf

Gas Cost Recovery: Plus an amount for gas costs and upstream transportation costs calculated in accordance with Part (a) and Part (b), respectively, of Rider GCR.

Weather Normalization Adjustment: Plus or Minus an amount for weather normalization calculated in accordance with Rider WNA.

Rate Review Mechanism: Plus or Minus an amount for rates as calculated in accordance with Rider RRM.

Franchise Fee Adjustment: Plus an amount for franchise fees calculated in accordance with Rider FF. Rider FF is only applicable to customers inside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality.

Tax Adjustment: Plus an amount for tax calculated in accordance with Rider TAX.

Surcharges: Plus an amount for surcharges calculated in accordance with the applicable rider(s).

**Agreement**

An Agreement for Gas Service may be required.

**Notice**

Service hereunder and the rates for services provided are subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction and to the Company's Tariff for Gas Service.

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>C – COMMERCIAL SALES</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>All Cities designated as “Group A” on the Cities Served List</b>	
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**Application**

Applicable to Commercial Customers for all natural gas provided at one Point of Delivery and measured through one meter and to Industrial Customers with an average annual usage of less than 3,000 Mcf.

**Type of Service**

Where service of the type desired by Customer is not already available at the Point of Delivery, additional charges and special contract arrangements between Company and Customer may be required prior to service being furnished.

**Monthly Rate**

Customer's monthly bill will be calculated by adding the following Customer and Mcf charges to the amounts due under the riders listed below:

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Customer Charge per Bill	\$ 13.50 per month
Commodity Charge - All Mcf	\$ 0.9877 per Mcf

Gas Cost Recovery: Plus an amount for gas costs and upstream transportation costs calculated in accordance with Part (a) and Part (b), respectively, of Rider GCR.

Weather Normalization Adjustment: Plus or Minus an amount for weather normalization calculated in accordance with Rider WNA.

Rate Review Mechanism: Plus or Minus an amount for rates as calculated in accordance with Rider RRM.

Franchise Fee Adjustment: Plus an amount for franchise fees calculated in accordance with Rider FF. Rider FF is only applicable to customers inside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality.

Tax Adjustment: Plus an amount for tax calculated in accordance with Rider TAX.

Surcharges: Plus an amount for surcharges calculated in accordance with the applicable rider(s).

**Agreement**

An Agreement for Gas Service may be required.

**Notice**

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RATE SCHEDULE:	I – INDUSTRIAL SALES	
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#### Application

Applicable to Industrial Customers with a maximum daily usage (MDU) of less than 3,500 MMBtu per day for all natural gas provided at one Point of Delivery and measured through one meter. Service for Industrial Customers with an MDU equal to or greater than 3,500 MMBtu per day will be provided at Company's sole option and will require special contract arrangements between Company and Customer.

#### Type of Service

Where service of the type desired by Customer is not already available at the Point of Delivery, additional charges and special contract arrangements between Company and Customer may be required prior to service being furnished.

#### Monthly Rate

Customer's monthly bill will be calculated by adding the following Customer and MMBtu charges to the amounts due under the riders listed below:

Charge	Amount
Customer Charge per Meter	\$ 425.00 per month
First 0 MMBtu to 1,500 MMBtu	\$ 0.2583 per MMBtu
Next 3,500 MMBtu	\$ 0.1884 per MMBtu
All MMBtu over 5,000 MMBtu	\$ 0.0404 per MMBtu

Gas Cost Recovery: Plus an amount for gas costs and upstream transportation costs calculated in accordance with Part (a) and Part (b), respectively, of Rider GCR.

Rate Review Mechanism: Plus or Minus an amount for rates as calculated in accordance with Rider RRM.

Franchise Fee Adjustment: Plus an amount for franchise fees calculated in accordance with Rider FF. Rider FF is only applicable to customers inside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality.

Tax Adjustment: Plus an amount for tax calculated in accordance with Rider TAX.

Surcharges: Plus an amount for surcharges calculated in accordance with the applicable rider(s).

#### Curtailment Overpull Fee

Upon notification by Company of an event of curtailment or interruption of Customer's deliveries, Customer will, for each MMBtu delivered in excess of the stated level of curtailment or interruption, pay Company 200% of the midpoint price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* published for the applicable Gas Day in the table entitled "Daily Price Survey."

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**Replacement Index**

In the event the “midpoint” or “common” price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* in the table entitled “Daily Price Survey” is no longer published, Company will calculate the applicable imbalance fees utilizing a daily price index recognized as authoritative by the natural gas industry and most closely approximating the applicable index.

**Agreement**

An Agreement for Gas Service may be required.

**Notice**

Service hereunder and the rates for services provided are subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction and to the Company’s Tariff for Gas Service.

**Special Conditions**

In order to receive service under Rate I, Customer must have the type of meter required by Company. Customer must pay Company all costs associated with the acquisition and installation of the meter.

<b>RATE SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>T – TRANSPORTATION</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>All Cities designated as “Group A” on the Cities Served List</b>	
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**Application**

Applicable, in the event that Company has entered into a Transportation Agreement, to a customer directly connected to the Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division Distribution System (Customer) for the transportation of all natural gas supplied by Customer or Customer's agent at one Point of Delivery for use in Customer's facility.

**Type of Service**

Where service of the type desired by Customer is not already available at the Point of Delivery, additional charges and special contract arrangements between Company and Customer may be required prior to service being furnished.

**Monthly Rate**

Customer's bill will be calculated by adding the following Customer and MMBtu charges to the amounts and quantities due under the riders listed below:

<b>Charge</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Customer Charge per Meter	\$ 425.00 per month
First 0 MMBtu to 1,500 MMBtu	\$ 0.2583 per MMBtu
Next 3,500 MMBtu	\$ 0.1884 per MMBtu
All MMBtu over 5,000 MMBtu	\$ 0.0404 per MMBtu

Upstream Transportation Cost Recovery: Plus an amount for upstream transportation costs in accordance with Part (b) of Rider GCR.

Rate Review Mechanism: Plus or Minus an amount for rates as calculated in accordance with Rider RRM.

Retention Adjustment: Plus a quantity of gas as calculated in accordance with Rider RA.

Franchise Fee Adjustment: Plus an amount for franchise fees calculated in accordance with Rider FF. Rider FF is only applicable to customers inside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality.

Tax Adjustment: Plus an amount for tax calculated in accordance with Rider TAX.

Surcharges: Plus an amount for surcharges calculated in accordance with the applicable rider(s).

**Imbalance Fees**

All fees charged to Customer under this Rate Schedule will be charged based on the quantities determined under the applicable Transportation Agreement and quantities will not be aggregated for any Customer with multiple Transportation Agreements for the purposes of such fees.



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**Monthly Imbalance Fees**

Customer shall pay Company the greater of (i) \$0.10 per MMBtu, or (ii) 150% of the difference per MMBtu between the highest and lowest “midpoint” price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* in the table entitled “Daily Price Survey” during such month, for the MMBtu of Customer’s monthly Cumulative Imbalance, as defined in the applicable Transportation Agreement, at the end of each month that exceeds 10% of Customer’s receipt quantities for the month.

**Curtailment Overpull Fee**

Upon notification by Company of an event of curtailment or interruption of Customer’s deliveries, Customer will, for each MMBtu delivered in excess of the stated level of curtailment or interruption, pay Company 200% of the midpoint price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* published for the applicable Gas Day in the table entitled “Daily Price Survey.”

**Replacement Index**

In the event the “midpoint” or “common” price for the Katy point listed in *Platts Gas Daily* in the table entitled “Daily Price Survey” is no longer published, Company will calculate the applicable imbalance fees utilizing a daily price index recognized as authoritative by the natural gas industry and most closely approximating the applicable index.

**Agreement**

A transportation agreement is required.

**Notice**

Service hereunder and the rates for services provided are subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction and to the Company’s Tariff for Gas Service.

**Special Conditions**

In order to receive service under Rate T, customer must have the type of meter required by Company. Customer must pay Company all costs associated with the acquisition and installation of the meter.

<b>RIDER:</b>	<b>WNA – WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT</b>	
<b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>	<b>All Cities designated as “Group A” on the Cities Served List</b>	
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Provisions for Adjustment

The base rate per Mcf (1,000,000 Btu) for gas service set forth in any Rate Schedules utilized by the cities of the Mid-Tex Division service area for determining normalized winter period revenues shall be adjusted by an amount hereinafter described, which amount is referred to as the "Weather Normalization Adjustment." The Weather Normalization Adjustment shall apply to all temperature sensitive residential, and commercial bills based on meters read during the revenue months of November through April. The five regional weather stations are Abilene, Austin, Dallas, Waco, and Wichita Falls.

Computation of Weather Normalization Adjustment

The Weather Normalization Adjustment Factor shall be computed to the nearest one-hundredth cent per Mcf by the following formula:

$$WNAF_i = R_i \frac{(HSF_i \times (NDD-ADD))}{(BL_i + (HSF_i \times ADD))}$$

Where

$i$  = any particular Rate Schedule or billing classification within any such particular Rate Schedule that contains more than one billing classification

$WNAF_i$  = Weather Normalization Adjustment Factor for the  $i^{th}$  rate schedule or classification expressed in cents per Mcf

$R_i$  = base rate of temperature sensitive sales for the  $i^{th}$  schedule or classification approved by the entity exercising original jurisdiction.

$HSF_i$  = heat sensitive factor for the  $i^{th}$  schedule or classification calculated as the slope of the linear regression of average sales per bill (Mcf) and actual heating degree days by month for the test year by schedule or classification and weather station as part of the RRM filing.

$NDD$  = billing cycle normal heating degree days calculated as the simple ten-year average of actual heating degree days.

$ADD$  = billing cycle actual heating degree days.

$BL_i$  = base load sales for the  $i^{th}$  schedule or classification calculated as the y-intercept of the linear regression of average sales per bill (Mcf) and actual heating degree days by month for the test year by schedule or classification and weather station as part of the RRM filing.

The Weather Normalization Adjustment for the  $j^{th}$  customer in  $i^{th}$  rate schedule is computed as:

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$$WNA_i = WNAF_i \times q_{ij}$$

Where  $q_{ij}$  is the relevant sales quantity for the  $j$ th customer in  $i$ th rate schedule.

#### Filings with Entities Exercising Original Jurisdiction

As part of its annual RRM filing the Company will file (a) a copy of each computation of the Weather Normalization Adjustment Factor, (b) a schedule showing the effective date of each such Weather Normalization Adjustment, (c) a schedule showing the factors of values used in calculating such Weather Normalization Adjustment and (d) a random sample and audit of thirty (30) actual customer bills, with customer information deleted, for each rate schedule or classification to which the WNA was applied in the preceding 12 month period. To the extent that source data is needed to audit the WNA application, such data will be provided by the Company as part of the annual RRM filing.

If the RRM is discontinued, as provided in the Rider RRM tariff, the information required herein to be filed with the entities exercising original jurisdiction shall be filed on March 1 of each year.

#### Base Use/Heat Use Factors

Weather Station	Residential		Commercial	
	Base use Mcf	Heat use Mcf/HDD	Base use Mcf	Heat use Mcf/HDD
Abilene	0.98	.0140	9.64	.0629
Austin	1.30	.0161	20.00	.0815
Dallas	1.60	.0212	20.12	.1018
Waco	1.12	.0139	11.69	.0608
Wichita Falls	1.12	.0159	11.67	.0649

#### Sample WNAF<sub>i</sub> Calculation:

$$.3393 \text{ per Mcf} = 2.2707 \times \frac{(.0140 \times (30-17))}{(0.98 + (.0140 \times 17))}$$

Where

$i$  = Residential Single Block Rate Schedule

$R_i$  = 2.2707 per MCF

$HSF_i$  = .0140 (Residential - Abilene Area)

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NDD = 30 HDD (Simple ten-year average of Actual HDD for Abilene Area – 9/15/06 – 10/14/06)

ADD = 17 HDD (Actual HDD for Abilene Area – 9/15/06 – 10/14/06)

Bl<sub>i</sub> = 0.98 Mcf (Residential - Abilene Area)

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Applicable to Rate R, Rate C, and Rate I for all gas sales made by Company, and applicable to Rate R, Rate C, Rate I, and Rate T for recovery of Pipeline System costs. The total gas cost recovery amount due is determined by adding the gas cost calculated in Section (a) below and the pipeline cost calculated in Section (b) below.

The amount due for gas cost (Section (a)) is determined by multiplying the Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCRF) by the Customer's monthly volume. For Customers receiving service under Rate R and Rate C, monthly volume will be calculated on a Mcf basis. For Customers receiving service under Rate I, monthly volume will be calculated on an MMBtu basis and the quantities will be adjusted as necessary to recover actual gas costs.

The amount due for pipeline cost (Section (b)) is determined by multiplying the Pipeline Cost Factor (PCF) by the Customer's monthly volume. For Customers receiving service under Rate R and Rate C, monthly volume will be calculated on an Mcf basis. For Customers receiving service under Rate I and Rate T, monthly volume will be calculated on an MMBtu basis and the quantities will be adjusted as necessary to recover actual gas costs.

#### (a) Gas Cost

##### Method of Calculation

The monthly gas cost adjustment is calculated by the application of a Gas Cost Recovery Factor (GCRF), as determined with the following formula:

$$\text{GCRF} = \text{Estimated Gas Cost Factor (EGCF)} + \text{Reconciliation Factor (RF)} + \text{Taxes (TXS)}$$

EGCF = Estimated cost of gas, including lost and unaccounted for gas attributed to residential, commercial, and industrial sales, and any reconciliation balance of unrecovered gas costs, divided by the estimated total residential, commercial, and industrial sales. Lost and unaccounted for gas is limited to 5%.

RF = Calculated by dividing the difference between the Actual Gas Cost Incurred, inclusive of interest over the preceding twelve-month period ended June 30 and the Actual Gas Cost Billed over that same twelve-month period by the estimated total residential, commercial, and industrial sales for the succeeding October through June billing months. The interest rate to be used is the annual interest rate on overcharges and under charges by a utility as published by the Public Utility Commission each December. The interest rate for calendar year 2009 is 2.09%.

Actual Gas Cost Incurred = The sum of the costs booked in Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division account numbers 800 through 813 and 858 of the FERC Uniform System of Accounts, including the net impact of injecting and withdrawing gas from storage. Also includes a credit or debit for any out-of-period adjustments or unusual or nonrecurring costs typically considered gas costs and a credit for amounts received as Imbalance Fees or Curtailment Overpull Fees. Also includes any prudently incurred transaction-related fees, gains or losses and other transaction costs associated

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with the use of various financial instruments that are executed by the Company for the purpose of price volatility mitigation.

Actual Gas Cost Billed = EGCF multiplied by the monthly volumes billed to Residential, Commercial and Industrial Sales customers, less the total amount of gas cost determined to have been uncollectible and written off which remain unpaid for each month of the reconciliation period.

Any amount remaining in the reconciliation balance after the conclusion of the period of amortization will be maintained in the reconciliation balance and included in the collection of the next RF.

Atmos Energy shall file annual reports with the Commission, providing by month the following amounts: Gas Cost Written Off, Margin Written Off, Tax and Other Written Off, Total Written Off, Gas Cost Collected and Margin Collected.

TXS = Any statutorily imposed assessments or taxes applicable to the purchase of gas divided by the estimated total residential, commercial, and industrial sales.

ADJ = Any surcharge or refund ordered by a regulatory authority, inclusive of interest, divided by the estimated total residential, commercial, and industrial sales is to be included as a separate line item surcharge.

#### (b) Pipeline Cost

##### Method of Calculation

Each month, a Pipeline Cost Factor (PCF) is calculated separately for each Pipeline Cost Rate Class listed below. The formula for the PCF is:

$PCF = PP / S$ , where:

$PP = (P - A) \times D$ , where:

P = Estimated monthly cost of pipeline service calculated pursuant to Rate CGS

D = Pipeline service allocation factor for the rate class as approved in the Company's most recent rate case, as follows:

Pipeline Cost Rate Class	Allocation Factor (D)
Rate R - Residential Service	.634698
Rate C - Commercial Service	.302824

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Rate I - Industrial Service and Rate T - Transportation Service	.062478
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A = Adjustment applied in the current month to correct for the difference between the actual and estimated pipeline cost revenue of the second preceding month, calculated by the formula:

$A = R - (C - A2)$ , where:

R = Actual revenue received from the application of the PP component in the second preceding month.

C = Actual pipeline costs for the second preceding month.

A2 = The adjustment (A) applied to the PP component in the second preceding month.

S = Estimated Mcf or MMBtu for the rate class for the current billing month.

The PCF is calculated to the nearest 0.0001 cent.

The Pipeline Cost to be billed is determined by multiplying the Mcf or MMBtu used by the appropriate PCF. The Pipeline Cost is determined to the nearest whole cent.

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Purpose

Atmos Energy Mid-Tex is proposing to institute a complete Conservation & Energy Efficiency program which will offer assistance to qualified customer segments in reducing energy consumption and lowering energy utility bills. The proposal is one where Atmos Energy shareholders will fund a percentage of the allowable expenses incurred annually, with a customer rate component providing the remainder of the funding. Following is a high-level, concept summary of the proposal. Atmos Energy Mid-Tex Division proposes to work with the communities it serves to develop the details of a new tariff and programs addressing conservation and energy efficiency.

Synopsis:

Voucher system to provide free energy savings materials and supplies to qualifying customers of Atmos Mid-Tex. Qualified Customers will receive up to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) worth of caulking, weather-stripping, sheathing, sealing, water heater blankets, related gas plumbing, and like materials, other energy saving devices such as clock-thermostats, set-back devices ("covered items") from approved suppliers / retailers including necessary labor.

Company will undertake efforts to enlist support from community groups, including its own Employee Action Program, to assist customers with installation. If it is determined that professional installation capabilities are necessary, the parties will agree on labor assistance amounts.

Eligibility

Low Income – Low-income rate-payers that qualify for heating bill assistance through LIHEAP and other government energy efficiency program agencies and all agencies that distribute Atmos "Share the Warmth" funds. Agencies that allocate assistance funds denote customer as Low Income, a status that lasts for one year.

Senior Citizen – Primary account holder can request eligibility through Atmos call center or web-site. Customer provides primary SSN which is verified through Social Security Administration. An account holder that is or turns 65 years old in that year becomes eligible.

Funding

Initial annual program funding will be at two million dollars (\$2,000,000). Atmos Energy shareholders will contribute one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to this initiative annually with ratepayers providing one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per year. It is proposed that the program operate on an October 1 through September 30 year, with regulatory asset/liability accounting employed by Atmos to track the difference between program funding and qualifying program expenditures. No Atmos employee labor will be charged as a program expenditure.

Administration:

A third-party administrator will coordinate qualification of customers, voucher distribution, subsequent verification and reimbursement of eligible expenditures and general program administration. Program administration expenses will be funded from the annual approved budget.



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Audits will be provided all interested parties within 120 days of the end of each program year to determine effectiveness.

Report

Atmos shall file an annual report detailing cost to administer the program including the amounts paid out of the program for energy conversation assistance. The report shall also detail the number of applicants and expenditures by geographic location, including the numbers of applications rejected and accepted and reason if rejected. The report shall be filed with the Director of the Gas Services Division of the Railroad Commission within 120 days of the end of each program year and with counsel of record for municipalities served by the Mid-Tex Division.