ORDINANCE NO. 20200409-023

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING A GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSED BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S MID-TEX DIVISION.

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

- **PART 1.** In accordance with Chapters 103 and 104 of the Texas Utilities Code, the City Council has exclusive original jurisdiction over gas rates charged for natural gas utility services provided in the City.
- PART 2. On February 28, 2020, Atmos Energy Corporation's Mid-Tex Division (Atmos) filed a proposed interim rate adjustment under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) with the City of Austin, Texas and the other cities that Atmos serves at the Atmos Texas Municipalities Coalition. The proposal would allow Atmos to recover the incremental costs of the new investment it has made in its Mid-Tex Division between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019. Atmos is seeking an interim rate increase of \$11,147,807 from customers in its Mid-Tex Division.
- **PART 3.** Atmos proposed an effective date of April 28, 2020 for applying the rate resulting from the interim rate adjustment.
- **PART 4.** Pursuant to Texas Utilities Code § 104.301(a), the City is authorized to suspend the implementation of the interim rate adjustment for a period not to exceed 45 days beyond the effective date proposed by Atmos.
- **PART 5.** The City Council finds that the City requires additional time to review and consider the GRIP filing and supporting documentation filed by Atmos.

PART 6. The implementation of the interim rate adjustment in Atmos's GRIP filing proposed to take effect on April 28, 2020 is hereby suspended until the sooner of (a) the 45th day from the proposed effective date, or (b) the date acted upon by the City Council.

PART 7. This ordinance takes effect on April 20, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED

Steve Adder Mayor

APPROVED: Annu L. Margan ATTEST.

Anne L. Margan City Attorney

ATTEST.

Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk