

ATMOS ENERGY CORP  
Form DEFA14A  
December 28, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**Atmos Energy Corporation**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on February 9, 2011.**

**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual

**For holders as of:** December 15, 2010

**Date:** February 9, 2011      **Time:** 9:30 a.m. Central

**Location:** The Pavilion Ballroom of the Belo Mansion  
2101 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75201

*ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION*

*C/O AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER*

*6201 15TH AVENUE, SECOND FLOOR*

*BROOKLYN, NY 11219*

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

**Before You Vote**

How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT      FORM 10-K

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**How To Vote**

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote  
FOR the listed nominees:**

**1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

**Nominees:**

- 1a) Kim R. Cocklin
- 1b) Richard W. Douglas
- 1c) Ruben E. Esquivel
- 1d) Richard K. Gordon

- 5. Proposal for an advisory vote by shareholders to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers for fiscal 2010 ( Say on Pay ).

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote  
FOR proposals 2-5.**

- 2. Proposal to amend the Company's 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares reserved for issuance under the Plan and to extend the term of the Plan for an additional five years.
- 3. Proposal to amend the Company's Annual Incentive Plan for Management to extend the term for an additional five years.
- 4. Proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2011.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you  
select one (1) year as your preference on the  
following proposal:**

- 6. Proposal for an advisory vote on the frequency of vote on Say on Pay in future years.

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