



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** September 9, 2019
SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3598, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company’s 2019 Rate Review Mechanism Filing
PRESENTER: Karen Bostic, Assistant City Manager

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the ordinance is for City Council to consider approval of the settlement agreement and the resulting rate change under the Rate Review Mechanism Tariff. As a result of negotiations, the Executive Committee for the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) was able to reduce Atmos Mid-Tex’s request.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

In April 2019, Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division (“Atmos Md-Tex” or “Company”) submitted its annual filing under the Rate Review Mechanism (“RRM”) Tariff. The Company claimed that its cost-of-service for test year ending December 31, 2018 entitled it to \$70 million in additional system-wide revenues. Application of the standards set forth in ACSC’s RRM Tariff required Atmos to reduce its request to \$54 million. Following further negotiations between Atmos and ACSC’s Executive Committee, the system-wide rate increase was reduced to \$48.6 million, with \$35.4 million of the increase allocated to ACSC member cities. The City of North Richland Hills, along with a number of other cities served by Atmos Mid-Tex, is a member of the ACSC.

The tariffs attached to the ordinance approve rates that will increase the Company’s revenues by \$35.4 million for the Mid-Tex Rate Division, effective for bills rendered on or after October 1, 2019. The monthly residential customer charge will increase from \$18.85 per month to \$19.55 per month. The consumption charge will be \$0.17423 Ccf. The impact to the monthly bill for the typical residential customer will be an increase of \$2.05 or 3.70%.

The ACSC Executive Committee and its designated legal counsel and consultants recommend that all cities adopt the ordinance with its attachments approving the negotiated rate settlement resolving the 2019 RRM filing, and implementing the rate change.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance 3598.