

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

January 21, 2020

Christopher T. Forsythe
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Re: Atmos Energy Corporation Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019 Filed November 12, 2019 File No. 001-10042

Dear Mr. Forsythe:

We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

## Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019

## Selected Financial Data, page 21

1. Please label "Contribution Margin" as a non-GAAP measure and present the disclosures and reconciliation required by Item 10(e)(1)(i) of Regulation S-K.

<u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u> <u>Non-GAAP Financial Measures, page 25</u>

2. Please present a reconciliation for your contribution margin non-GAAP measure. In doing so, reconcile this measure to the most directly comparable GAAP measure of gross margin. If you do not believe gross margin that includes depreciation and amortization is the most directly comparable GAAP measure, please tell us why in your response. Refer to Item 10(e)(1)(i)(B) of Regulation S-K.

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In closing, we remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

You may contact Yong Kim, Staff Accountant, at 202-551-3323 or Gus Rodriguez, Accounting Branch Chief, at 202-551-3752 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Energy & Transportation