



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ACTION FORM

AGENDA DATE:	04/12/2022		
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding Atmos Energy corporation Mid-Tex 2022 Rate Review Mechanism Filing		
PREPARED BY:	City Administrator Leamons	DATE SUBMITTED:	04/04/2022
EXHIBITS:	April 1, 2022 Notice from Atmos Energy Regarding a 2022 Rate Mechanism Filing		
BUDGETARY IMPACT:	Required Expenditure:	\$00.00	
	Amount Budgeted:	\$00.00	
	Appropriation Required:	\$00.00	
CITY ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL:			
SUMMARY:			
Last week, the City received the attached notice of a Rate Review Mechanism Filing from Atmos Energy. Such rate increase proposals by Atmos are reviewed by the Atmos Cities Steering Coalition (ACSC). The City is not a member of the ACSC; nevertheless, as the notice from Atmos states, whether or not the City participates in the process, it will benefit from any rate reductions secured by the ACSC. In the past the City was part of the Atmos Texas Municipalities (ATM), a coalition of cities which have disputed Atmos rate hikes with the help of Herrera Law & Associates. Prior to the current City Administrator being hired, the City ceased to be affiliated with that coalition. It seems that the local Atmos representative encouraged the City to switch from ATM to ACSC and the process was only half completed. The ACSC has a nominal annual membership fee (4 years ago it was less than \$100) and the ATM has no membership fee. Both groups are allowed to recover costs through fees that are part of the rate setting process. The Herrera Law firm also represents a coalition of TNMP cities when electric rate hearings are being conducted. Staff spoke with Counselor Herrera to see if the City should take any action. In some of these rate hearings, the ATM doesn't engage and allows the ACSC to work the process. It appears that will be the case in the current instance. At this point no action is recommended, but staff wanted to provide the Council with an opportunity to discuss this matter and take action should it so choose.			
RECOMMENDED ACTION:			