

MEMORANDUM

TO: Atmos Cities Steering Committee
FROM: Jennifer Richie, Chair, Atmos Cities Steering Committee
DATE: January 8, 2024
RE: **Action Needed - 2024 Atmos Cities Steering Committee Membership Assessment Invoice**

On December 7, 2023, the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) held a quarterly meeting with representatives from Atmos Energy. During the meeting, the group held a discussion of upcoming natural gas issues and approved the assessment for ACSC membership. Using the population-based assessment protocol previously adopted by ACSC, the assessment for 2024 is a per capita fee of \$0.05. This is the same amount as was adopted for 2019-2023.

ACSC protects the authority of municipalities over the monopoly natural gas provider and defends the interests of the residential and small commercial customers within the cities. Cities are the only consumer advocates that work to keep natural gas rates reasonable. The work undertaken by ACSC has saved ratepayers millions of dollars in unreasonable charges. In order to continue to be an effective voice at the Railroad Commission, at the Legislature, and in the courts, ACSC must have your support. Please take action to pay the membership assessment as soon as possible. Payment of the membership assessment fee shall be deemed to be in agreement with the terms of the ACSC participation agreement.

Although ACSC does not require that your city take action by resolution to approve the assessment, some members have requested a model resolution authorizing payment of the 2024 membership assessment. To assist you in the assessment process, we have provided the following documents for your use:

- ACSC 2023 Year in Review
- Model resolution approving the 2024 assessment (optional, provided for those cities that have requested a resolution to authorize payment)
- Model staff report supporting the resolution
- List of Atmos Cities Steering Committee members
- 2024 Assessment invoice
- 2023 Assessment invoice and statement (only included if not yet paid)
- Blank member contact form to update the distribution lists

Please forward the membership assessment fee and, if applicable, the signed resolution to Brandi Stigler, Atmos Cities Steering Committee, c/o City Attorney’s Office, Mail Stop 63-0300, 101 S. Mesquite St., Suite 300, Arlington, Texas 76010. Checks should be made payable to: *Atmos Cities Steering Committee*.

If you have any questions, please contact ACSC Chair Person, Jennifer Richie (254/750-5688). ACSC’s counsel, Thomas Brocato (tbrocato@lglawfirm.com) at 512/322-5857 is also available to assist you.