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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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Form 10-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-10042

Atmos Energy Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas and Virginia 75-1743247

(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS employer incorporation or organization) identification no.)

Three Lincoln Centre, Suite 1800

5430 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(972) 934-9227

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Name of Each Exchange

Title of Each Class on Which Registered

Common stock, No Par Value New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.45) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated

filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company  Emerging growth company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the common voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, March 31, 2017, was \$8,146,262,574.

As of November 8, 2017, the registrant had 106,112,709 shares of common stock outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on February 7, 2018 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

AEC	Atmos Energy Corporation
AEH	Atmos Energy Holdings, Inc.
AEM	Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC
AOCI	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
ARM	Annual Rate Mechanism
ATO	Trading symbol for Atmos Energy Corporation common stock on the New York Stock Exchange
Bcf	Billion cubic feet
COSO	Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission
DARR	Dallas Annual Rate Review
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GRIP	Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program
Gross Profit	Non-GAAP measure defined as operating revenues less purchased gas cost
GSRS	Gas System Reliability Surcharge
KPSC	Kentucky Public Service Commission
LTIP	1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan
Mcf	Thousand cubic feet
MDWQ	Maximum daily withdrawal quantity
Mid-Tex Cities	Represents all incorporated cities other than Dallas, or approximately 80 percent of the Mid-Tex Division's customers, with whom a settlement agreement was reached during the fiscal 2008 second quarter.
MMcf	Million cubic feet
Moody's	Moody's Investor Service, Inc.
NGA	Natural Gas Act of 1938
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.
NYSE	New York Stock Exchange
PAP	Pension Account Plan
PPA	Pension Protection Act of 2006
PRP	Pipeline Replacement Program
RRC	Railroad Commission of Texas
RRM	Rate Review Mechanism
RSC	Rate Stabilization Clause
S&P	Standard & Poor's Corporation
SAVE	Steps to Advance Virginia Energy
SEC	United States Securities and Exchange Commission
SGR	Supplemental Growth Filing
SIR	System Integrity Rider
SRF	Stable Rate Filing
SSIR	System Safety and Integrity Rider
WNA	Weather Normalization Adjustment

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PART I

The terms “we,” “our,” “us”, “Atmos Energy” and the “Company” refer to Atmos Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries, unless the context suggests otherwise.

ITEM 1. Business.

Overview and Strategy

Atmos Energy Corporation, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, and incorporated in Texas and Virginia, is one of the country’s largest natural-gas-only distributors based on number of customers. We deliver natural gas through regulated sales and transportation arrangements to over three million residential, commercial, public authority and industrial customers in eight states located primarily in the South. We also operate one of the largest intrastate pipelines in Texas based on miles of pipe.

Through December 31, 2016, we were also engaged in certain nonregulated businesses that provided natural gas management, marketing, transportation and storage services to municipalities, local gas distribution companies, including certain of our natural gas distribution divisions, and industrial customers principally in the Midwest and Southeast. Effective January 1, 2017, we sold all of the equity interests of Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC (AEM) to CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. (CES), a subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy Inc. As a result of the sale, Atmos Energy has fully exited the nonregulated gas marketing business.

Atmos Energy's vision is to be the safest provider of natural gas services. We intend to achieve this vision by:

- operating our business exceptionally well
- investing in our people and infrastructure
- enhancing our culture.

We believe the successful execution of this strategy has delivered excellent shareholder value. Over the last six years, regulatory mechanisms designed to minimize regulatory lag have enabled us to make significant capital investments to fortify and upgrade our distribution and transmission systems. The timely recovery of these investments has increased our rate base which has resulted in rising earnings per share during this time.

Our core values include focusing on our employees and customers while conducting our business with honesty and integrity. We continue to strengthen our culture through ongoing communications with our employees and enhanced employee training.

Operating Segments

As of September 30, 2017, we manage and review our consolidated operations through the following three reportable segments:

• The distribution segment is primarily comprised of our regulated natural gas distribution and related sales operations in eight states and storage assets located in Kentucky and Tennessee.

• The pipeline and storage segment is comprised primarily of the pipeline and storage operations of our Atmos Pipeline-Texas division and our natural gas transmission operations in Louisiana.

• The natural gas marketing segment is comprised of our discontinued natural gas marketing business.

These operating segments are described in greater detail below.

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## Distribution Segment Overview

Our distribution segment is primarily comprised of the regulated natural gas distribution and related sales and storage operations in our six regulated natural gas distribution divisions, which are used to support our regulated natural gas distribution operations in those states. The following table summarizes key information about these divisions, presented in order of total rate base. We operate in our service areas under terms of non-exclusive franchise agreements granted by the various cities and towns that we serve. At September 30, 2017, we held 1,008 franchises having terms generally ranging from five to 35 years. A significant number of our franchises expire each year, which require renewal prior to the end of their terms. Historically, we have successfully renewed these franchises and believe that we will continue to be able to renew our franchises as they expire.

Division	Service Areas	Communities Served	Customer Meters
Mid-Tex	Texas, including the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex	550	1,672,581
Kentucky/Mid-States	Kentucky	230	181,638
	Tennessee		147,620
	Virginia		24,153
Louisiana	Louisiana	270	359,920
West Texas	Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland	80	311,188
Mississippi	Mississippi	110	270,754
Colorado-Kansas	Colorado	170	118,410
	Kansas		135,141

Revenues in this operating segment are established by regulatory authorities in the states in which we operate. These rates are intended to be sufficient to cover the costs of conducting business and to provide a reasonable return on invested capital. In addition, we transport natural gas for others through our distribution systems.

Rates established by regulatory authorities often include cost adjustment mechanisms for costs that (i) are subject to significant price fluctuations compared to our other costs, (ii) represent a large component of our cost of service and (iii) are generally outside our control.

Purchased gas cost adjustment mechanisms represent a common form of cost adjustment mechanism. Purchased gas cost adjustment mechanisms provide natural gas distribution companies a method of recovering purchased gas costs on an ongoing basis without filing a rate case because they provide a dollar-for-dollar offset to increases or decreases in the cost natural gas. Therefore, although substantially all of our distribution operating revenues fluctuate with the cost of gas that we purchase, distribution gross profit (which is defined as operating revenues less purchased gas cost) is generally not affected by fluctuations in the cost of gas.

Additionally, some jurisdictions have performance-based ratemaking adjustments to provide incentives to distribution companies to minimize purchased gas costs through improved storage management and use of financial instruments to lock in gas costs. Under the performance-based ratemaking adjustments, purchased gas costs savings are shared between the utility and its customers.

Our supply of natural gas is provided by a variety of suppliers, including independent producers, marketers and pipeline companies, withdrawals of gas from proprietary and contracted storage assets and peaking and spot purchase agreements, as needed.

Supply arrangements consist of both base load and swing supply (peaking) quantities and are contracted from our suppliers on a firm basis with various terms at market prices. Base load quantities are those that flow at a constant level throughout the month and swing supply quantities provide the flexibility to change daily quantities to match increases or decreases in requirements related to weather conditions.

Except for local production purchases, we select our natural gas suppliers through a competitive bidding process by periodically requesting proposals from suppliers that have demonstrated that they can provide reliable service. We select these suppliers based on their ability to deliver gas supply to our designated firm pipeline receipt points at the lowest reasonable cost. Major suppliers during fiscal 2017 were BP Energy Company, Castleton Commodities Merchant Trading L.P., CenterPoint



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Energy Services, Inc., Concord Energy LLC, ConocoPhillips Company, Devon Gas Services, L.P., Sequent Energy Management, L.P., Targa Gas Marketing LLC, Tenaska Gas Storage, LLC and Texla Energy Management, Inc. The combination of base load, peaking and spot purchase agreements, coupled with the withdrawal of gas held in storage, allows us the flexibility to adjust to changes in weather, which minimizes our need to enter into long-term firm commitments. We estimate our peak-day availability of natural gas supply to be approximately 4.4 Bcf. The peak-day demand for our distribution operations in fiscal 2017 was on January 6, 2017, when sales to customers reached approximately 3.6 Bcf.

Currently, our distribution divisions utilize 38 pipeline transportation companies, both interstate and intrastate, to transport our natural gas. The pipeline transportation agreements are firm and many of them have “pipeline no-notice” storage service, which provides for daily balancing between system requirements and nominated flowing supplies. These agreements have been negotiated with the shortest term necessary while still maintaining our right of first refusal. The natural gas supply for our Mid-Tex Division is delivered primarily by our Atmos Pipeline — Texas Division (APT).

To maintain our deliveries to high priority customers, we have the ability, and have exercised our right, to curtail deliveries to certain customers under the terms of interruptible contracts or applicable state regulations or statutes. Our customers’ demand on our system is not necessarily indicative of our ability to meet current or anticipated market demands or immediate delivery requirements because of factors such as the physical limitations of gathering, storage and transmission systems, the duration and severity of cold weather, the availability of gas reserves from our suppliers, the ability to purchase additional supplies on a short-term basis and actions by federal and state regulatory authorities. Curtailment rights provide us the flexibility to meet the human-needs requirements of our customers on a firm basis. Priority allocations imposed by federal and state regulatory agencies, as well as other factors beyond our control, may affect our ability to meet the demands of our customers. We do not anticipate any problems with obtaining additional gas supply as needed for our customers.

### Pipeline and Storage Segment Overview

Our pipeline and storage segment consists of the pipeline and storage operations of APT and our natural gas transmission operations in Louisiana. APT is one of the largest intrastate pipeline operations in Texas with a heavy concentration in the established natural gas-producing areas of central, northern and eastern Texas, extending into or near the major producing areas of the Barnett Shale, the Texas Gulf Coast and the Delaware and Val Verde Basins of West Texas. Through its system, APT provides transportation and storage services to our Mid-Tex Division, other third party local distribution companies, industrial and electric generation customers, marketers and producers. As part of its pipeline operations, APT owns and operates five underground storage reservoirs in Texas.

Gross profit earned from transportation and storage services for APT is subject to traditional ratemaking governed by the RRC. Rates are updated through periodic filings made under Texas’ Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP). GRIP allows us to include in our rate base annually approved capital costs incurred in the prior calendar year provided that we file a complete rate case at least once every five years, the most recent filing was completed in 2017. APT’s existing regulatory mechanisms allow certain transportation and storage services to be provided under market-based rates.

Our natural gas transmission operations in Louisiana are comprised of a proprietary 21-mile pipeline located in New Orleans, Louisiana that is primarily used to aggregate gas supply for our distribution division in Louisiana under a long-term contract and on a more limited basis, to third parties. The demand fee charged to our Louisiana distribution division for these services is subject to regulatory approval by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. We also manage two asset management plans in Louisiana with distribution affiliates of the Company, which have been approved by applicable state regulatory commissions. Generally, these asset management plans require us to share with our distribution customers a significant portion of the cost savings earned from these arrangements.

### Natural Gas Marketing Segment Overview

Through December 31, 2016, we were engaged in a nonregulated natural gas marketing business, which was conducted by Atmos Energy Marketing (AEM). AEM’s primary business was to aggregate and purchase gas supply, arrange transportation and storage logistics and ultimately deliver gas to customers at competitive prices.



As more fully described in Note 15, effective January 1, 2017, we sold all of the equity interests of AEM to CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc., a subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy Inc. As a result of the sale, Atmos Energy has fully exited the nonregulated natural gas marketing business. Accordingly, these operations have been reported as discontinued operations.

#### Ratemaking Activity

##### Overview

The method of determining regulated rates varies among the states in which our regulated businesses operate. The regulatory authorities have the responsibility of ensuring that utilities in their jurisdictions operate in the best interests of customers while providing utility companies the opportunity to earn a reasonable return on their investment.

Generally, each

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regulatory authority reviews rate requests and establishes a rate structure intended to generate revenue sufficient to cover the costs of conducting business and to provide a reasonable return on invested capital.

Our rate strategy focuses on reducing or eliminating regulatory lag, obtaining adequate returns and providing stable, predictable margins, which benefit both our customers and the Company. As a result of our ratemaking efforts in recent years, Atmos Energy has:

• Formula rate mechanisms in place in four states that provide for an annual rate review and adjustment to rates.

• Infrastructure programs in place in the majority of our states that provide for an annual adjustment to rates for qualifying capital expenditures. Through our annual formula rate mechanisms and infrastructure programs, we have the ability to recover over 95 percent of our capital expenditures within six months.

• Authorization in tariffs, statute or commission rules that allows us to defer certain elements of our cost of service such as depreciation, ad valorem taxes and pension costs, until they are included in rates.

• WNA mechanisms in seven states that serve to minimize the effects of weather on approximately 97 percent of our distribution gross profit.

• The ability to recover the gas cost portion of bad debts in five states.

The following table provides a jurisdictional rate summary for our regulated operations. This information is for regulatory purposes only and may not be representative of our actual financial position.

Division	Jurisdiction	Effective Date of Last Rate/GRIP Action	Rate Base (thousands) <sup>(1)</sup>	Authorized Rate of Return <sup>(1)</sup>	Authorized Debt/Equity Ratio	Authorized Return on Equity <sup>(1)</sup>
Atmos Pipeline — Texas	Texas	08/01/2017	\$1,767,600	8.87%	47/53	11.50%
Colorado-Kansas	Colorado	01/01/2016	129,094	7.82%	48/52	9.60%
	Colorado SSIR	01/01/2017	13,500	7.82%	48/52	9.60%
	Kansas	03/17/2016	200,564	(3)	(3)	(3)
	Kansas GSRS	02/09/2017	6,633	(3)	(3)	(3)
Kentucky/Mid-States	Kentucky	08/15/2016	335,833	(3)	(3)	(3)
	Kentucky PRP	11/14/2016	38,173	7.71%	51/49	9.80%
	Tennessee	06/01/2017	302,953	7.49%	47/53	9.80%
	Virginia	11/07/2016	47,581	(3)	(3)	(3)
Louisiana	Trans La	04/01/2017	156,200	7.50%	47/53	9.80%
	LGS	07/01/2017	385,435	7.43%	47/53	9.80%
Mid-Tex Cities	Texas	06/01/2017	2,362,937 <sup>(2)</sup>	8.36%	45/55	10.50%
Mid-Tex — Dallas	Texas	06/01/2017	2,273,567 <sup>(2)</sup>	8.38%	41/59	10.10%
	Mississippi	Mississippi	01/12/2017	387,252	7.85%	47/53
Mississippi	Mississippi - SIR	01/01/2017	21,345	7.85%	47/53	9.73%
	Mississippi - SGR	01/01/2017	17,437	9.04%	47/53	12.00%
West Texas <sup>(4)</sup>	Texas	03/15/2017	(3)	(3)	(3)	10.50%
	Texas-GRIP	05/23/2017	476,665	8.57%	48/52	10.50%

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Division	Jurisdiction	Bad Debt Rider <sup>(5)</sup>	Formula Rate	Infrastructure Mechanism	Performance Based Rate Program <sup>(6)</sup>	WNA Period
Atmos Pipeline — Texas	Texas	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Colorado-Kansas	Colorado	No	No	Yes	No	N/A
	Kansas	Yes	No	Yes	No	October-May
Kentucky/Mid-States	Kentucky	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	November-April
	Tennessee	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	October-April
	Virginia	Yes	No	Yes	No	January-December
Louisiana	Trans La	No	Yes	Yes	No	December-March
	LGS	No	Yes	Yes	No	December-March
Mid-Tex Cities	Texas	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	November-April
Mid-Tex — Dallas	Texas	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	November-April
Mississippi	Mississippi	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	November-April
West Texas <sup>(4)</sup>	Texas	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	October-May

The rate base, authorized rate of return and authorized return on equity presented in this table are those from the (1) most recent regulatory filing for each jurisdiction. These rate bases, rates of return and returns on equity are not necessarily indicative of current or future rate bases, rates of return or returns on equity.

(2) The Mid-Tex Rate Base amounts for the Mid-Tex Cities and Mid-Tex Dallas areas, combined, represent “system-wide”, or 100 percent, of the Mid-Tex Division’s rate base.

(3) A rate base, rate of return, return on equity or debt/equity ratio was not included in the respective state commission’s final decision.

(4) On April 1, 2014, a rate case settlement approved by the West Texas Cities reestablished an annual rate mechanism for all West Texas Division cities except Amarillo, Channing, Dalhart and Lubbock.

(5) The bad debt rider allows us to recover from ratepayers the gas cost portion of uncollectible accounts.

(6) The performance-based rate program provides incentives to distribution companies to minimize purchased gas costs by allowing the companies and its customers to share the purchased gas costs savings.

Although substantial progress has been made in recent years by improving rate design and recovery of investment across Atmos Energy’s operating areas, we will continue to seek improvements in rate design to address cost variations and pursue tariffs that reduce regulatory lag associated with investments. Further, potential changes in federal energy policy, federal safety regulations and adverse economic conditions will necessitate continued vigilance by the Company and our regulators in meeting the challenges presented by these external factors.

**Recent Ratemaking Activity**

Substantially all of our regulated revenues in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 were derived from sales at rates set by or subject to approval by local or state authorities. Net operating income increases resulting from ratemaking activity totaling \$104.2 million, \$122.5 million and \$114.5 million, became effective in fiscal 2017, 2016 and 2015, as summarized below:

Rate Action	Annual Increase to Operating Income For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30		
	2017	2016	2015
	(In thousands)		
Annual formula rate mechanisms	\$ 90,427	\$ 114,974	\$ 113,706
Rate case filings	12,961	7,716	711
Other ratemaking activity	784	(183	) 78
	\$ 104,172	\$ 122,507	\$ 114,495



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Additionally, the following ratemaking efforts seeking \$59.4 million in annual operating income were initiated during fiscal 2017 but had not been completed as of September 30, 2017:

Division	Rate Action	Jurisdiction	Operating Income Requested (In thousands)
Atmos Pipeline - Texas	GRIP	Texas	\$ 28,988
Colorado-Kansas	Rate Case	Colorado	2,916
Kentucky/Mid-States	SAVE <sup>(1)</sup>	Virginia	308
	PRP <sup>(1) (4)</sup>	Kentucky	5,638
	Rate Case	Kentucky	4,778
	ARM <sup>(2)</sup> True-Up	Tennessee	850
Mississippi	SIR <sup>(1)</sup>	Mississippi	8,111
	SGR <sup>(3)</sup>	Mississippi	1,385
	SRF	Mississippi	4,214
Mid-Tex	Rate Case	City of Dallas	2,247
			\$ 59,435

- (1) The Steps to Advance Virginia Energy (SAVE) Plan, the Pipeline Replacement Program (PRP) and the System Integrity Rider (SIR) surcharges relate to long-term programs to replace aging infrastructure.
- (2) The Annual Rate Mechanism (ARM) is a formula rate mechanism that refreshes the Company's rates on an annual basis.
- (3) The Mississippi Supplemental Growth Rider (SGR) permits the Company to pursue eligible industrial growth projects beyond the division's normal main extension policies with prior approval from the Mississippi Public Service Commission. For fiscal 2017, the Commission approved a total of \$13.2 million and has also approved \$10.2 million under the program for fiscal 2018.
- (4) On October 27, 2017, we received a final order from the Kentucky Public Service Commission approving this increase.

Our recent ratemaking activity is discussed in greater detail below.

Annual Formula Rate Mechanisms

As an instrument to reduce regulatory lag, formula rate mechanisms allow us to refresh our rates on an annual basis without filing a formal rate case. However, these filings still involve discovery by the appropriate regulatory authorities prior to the final determination of rates under these mechanisms. We currently have formula rate mechanisms in our Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee operations and in substantially all of our Texas divisions. Additionally, we have specific infrastructure programs in substantially all of our distribution divisions and our Atmos Pipeline - Texas Division with tariffs in place to permit the investment associated with these programs to have their surcharge rate adjusted annually to recover approved capital costs incurred in a prior test-year period. The following table summarizes our annual formula rate mechanisms by state.

State	Annual Formula Rate Mechanisms	
	Infrastructure Programs	Formula Rate Mechanisms
Colorado	System Safety and Integrity Rider (SSIR)	—
Kansas	Gas System Reliability Surcharge (GSRS)	—
Kentucky	Pipeline Replacement Program (PRP)	—
Louisiana	(1)	Rate Stabilization Clause (RSC)
Mississippi	System Integrity Rider (SIR)	Stable Rate Filing (SRF), Supplemental Growth Filing (SGR)

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Tennessee	—	Annual Rate Mechanism (ARM)
Texas	Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP), (1)	Dallas Annual Rate Review (DARR), Rate Review Mechanism (RRM)
Virginia	Steps to Advance Virginia Energy (SAVE)	—

Infrastructure mechanisms in Texas and Louisiana allow for the deferral of all expenses associated with capital expenditures incurred pursuant to these rules, which primarily consists of interest, depreciation and other taxes (1) (Texas only), until the next rate proceeding (rate case or annual rate filing), at which time investment and costs would be recoverable through base rates.

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The following table summarizes our annual formula rate mechanisms with effective dates during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015:

Division	Jurisdiction	Test Year Ended	Increase (Decrease) in Annual Operating Income (In thousands)	Effective Date
2017 Filings:				
Louisiana	LGS	12/2016	\$ 6,237	07/01/2017
Mid-Tex	Mid-Tex DARR <sup>(1)</sup>	09/2016	9,672	06/01/2017
Mid-Tex	Mid-Tex Cities RRM	12/2016	36,239	06/01/2017
Kentucky/Mid-States	Tennessee ARM	05/2018	6,740	06/01/2017
Mid-Tex	Mid-Tex Environs	12/2016	1,568	05/23/2017
West Texas	West Texas Environs	12/2016	872	05/23/2017
West Texas	West Texas ALDC	12/2016	4,682	04/25/2017
Louisiana	TransLa	09/2016	4,392	04/01/2017
West Texas	West Texas Cities RRM	09/2016	4,255	03/15/2017
Colorado-Kansas	Kansas	09/2016	801	02/09/2017
Mississippi	Mississippi-SRF	10/2017	4,390	02/01/2017
Mississippi	Mississippi-SIR	10/2017	3,334	01/01/2017
Mississippi	Mississippi-SGR	10/2017	1,292	01/01/2017
Colorado-Kansas	Colorado-SSIR	12/2017	1,350	01/01/2017
Kentucky/Mid-States	Kentucky-PRP	09/2017	4,981	10/14/2016
Kentucky/Mid-States	Virginia-SAVE	09/2017	(378	) 10/01/2016
Total 2017 Filings			\$ 90,427	
2016 Filings:				
Louisiana	LGS	12/2015	\$ 8,686	07/01/2016
Kentucky/Mid-States	Tennessee	05/2017	4,888	06/01/2016
Mid-Tex	Mid-Tex Cities RRM	12/2015	25,816	06/01/2016
Mid-Tex	Mid-Tex DARR	09/2015	5,429	06/01/2016
Mid-Tex	Mid-Tex Environs	12/2015	1,325	05/03/2016
Atmos Pipeline — Texas	Texas	12/2015	40,658	05/03/2016
West Texas	West Texas Environs	12/2015	646	05/03/2016
West Texas	West Texas ALDC	12/2015	3,484	04/26/2016
Louisiana	Trans La	09/2015	6,216	04/01/2016
Colorado-Kansas	Colorado	12/2016	764	01/01/2016
Mississippi	Mississippi-SRF	10/2016	9,192	01/01/2016
Mississippi	Mississippi-SGR	10/2016	250	12/01/2015
Kentucky/Mid-States	Kentucky-PRP	09/2016	3,786	10/01/2015
Kentucky/Mid-States	Virginia-SAVE	09/2016	118	10/01/2015
West Texas	West Texas Cities	09/2015	3,716	10/01/2015
Total 2016 Filings			\$ 114,974	

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Division	Jurisdiction	Test Year Ended	Increase (Decrease) in Annual Operating Income (In thousands)	Effective Date
2015 Filings:				
Louisiana	LGS	12/2014	\$ 1,321	07/01/2015
West Texas	West Texas Environs	12/2014	697	06/12/2015
Mid-Tex	Mid-Tex Environs	12/2014	1,158	06/01/2015
Mid-Tex	Mid-Tex Cities	12/2014	16,801	06/01/2015
Mid-Tex	Mid-Tex DARR	09/2014	4,420	06/01/2015
West Texas	West Texas ALDC	12/2014	4,593	05/01/2015
Atmos Pipeline — Texas	Texas	12/2014	37,248	04/08/2015
Louisiana	Trans La	09/2014	(286 )	04/01/2015
West Texas	West Texas Cities	09/2014	4,300	03/15/2015
Colorado-Kansas	Kansas	09/2014	301	02/01/2015
Mississippi	Mississippi-SRF	10/2015	4,441	02/01/2015
Mississippi	Mississippi-SGR	10/2015	782	