

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ATMOS GAS STANDING STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE INITIAL PARTICIPATION FEE; AND REQUIRING A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE APPROVED PARTICIPATION FEE BE SENT TO THE CITY OF ARLINGTON.

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite (the "City") participates with other cities through the Gas Standing Steering Committee (the "Committee") in reviewing gas utility regulation and rule making; and

WHEREAS, with the continuing increase in the number of gas rate filings, a participation agreement is needed to formalize the organizational structure of the Committee and to allow participating cities to respond more quickly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, THAT:

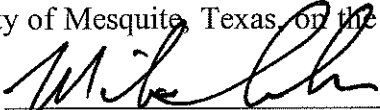
SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Atmos Gas Standing Steering Committee Participation Agreement (the "Agreement"), attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 2. That Don Simons, Director of Finance for the City of Mesquite, is hereby appointed as the City's representative to receive notices and carry out the responsibilities for the City as set forth in the Agreement.


SECTION 3. That the payment of the initial participation of five cents per capita, according to the City's population as shown in the most recent Texas Municipal League Directory of Texas City Officials, is hereby authorized.


SECTION 4. That a certified copy of this resolution and the approved participation fee shall be sent to Jay Doegey, City of Arlington, Post Office Box 231, Arlington, Texas 76004-0231.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 5th day of June, 2006.

  
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Mike Anderson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy Womack  
City Secretary

APPROVED:  
  
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B. J. Smith  
City Attorney

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**ATMOS GAS STANDING STEERING COMMITTEE  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

THIS Agreement is made and entered into on this the 26 day of June, 2006, by, between and among the **CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS** ("CITY") and member cities of the **GAS STANDING STEERING COMMITTEE** ("GSSC"). This Agreement is authorized by the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act (V.T.C.A. Texas Government Code, Chapter 791), and other authorities.

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the cities in the service area of Atmos Gas have worked together collectively in a coalition to participate in the regulatory process to assure gas rates charged were just and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the nature of gas utility regulation is undergoing substantial change as a result of state and federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, there remains a need for cities to cooperate to assure the public interest is protected and gas and other utility rates are just and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, regulatory changes now require quick response in order to have meaningful input into the rate setting process; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide adequate resources to enable cities to act quickly, decisively, and jointly on gas utility regulatory developments;

NOW, THEREFORE,

In consideration of the premises, agreements, covenants and promises set forth herein, it is agreed as follows:

## 1.

**Atmos Gas Standing Steering Committee  
Membership and Executive Committee**

The CITY and the member cities hereby form the Gas Standing Steering Committee ("GSSC"). Each member city shall, by action of its governing body, approve its membership in the GSSC and designate its representative to receive notices and participate in and vote at GSSC meetings. The GSSC shall be composed of all cities paying the current nonrefundable membership fee. The membership fee shall be established from time to time by the Executive Committee. The fee for the initial period (approximately one year) is 5¢ per capita, according to the CITY's population listed in the most recent Texas Municipal League Directory of Texas City Officials. The members shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of no more than twenty (20) persons which shall function as the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall at least include a representative from all member cities with a population greater than 100,000, according to the most recent Texas Municipal League Directory of Texas City Officials. The remainder of the representatives shall be selected based upon diversity of geographic location and

city population size. Each city on the GSSC and each city on the Executive Committee shall have one vote, respectively. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to each city on the GSSC whether or not it has a representative on the Executive Committee.

2.

**Powers of the Executive Committee**

The CITY and the member cities delegate to the Executive Committee the power to intervene on behalf of GSSC member cities in gas projects, rulemaking, rate case, and related dockets and appeals thereof, represent the interests of cities in utility matters before state and federal legislative bodies and to pay for such activities. A member city may subsequently request and cause its party status to be withdrawn from such activities. The Executive Committee shall fix the amount of the membership fee from time to time.

3.

**Election of Officers**

The Executive Committee shall elect a chair and any co-chairs as it deems necessary who shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall also elect a secretary/treasurer.

4.

**Powers of the Officers**

Each officer elected shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee up to a term of four (4) years. The Executive Committee shall elect or re-elect officers at least every four (4) years. Unless terminated by the Executive Committee or the respective city governing body, the officer shall perform the duties of office until a replacement has been elected. Meetings of the Executive Committee and GSSC shall be upon call of the chair or two (2) members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet at least annually. The chair is authorized by action of the Executive Committee to engage consultants and attorneys and to pay for such services.

5.

**Termination of Membership**

A city may terminate its membership by action of its governing body, or if said city fails to pay its membership fee in full within one-hundred eighty (180) days after notification of fee due. A city is considered notified on the day written notice is sent to its last designated representative on file with the secretary/treasurer.

6.

**Money Held in Trust**

The officers shall hold and manage all money collected in trust for the benefit of the member cities collectively. Officers may establish prudent fund accounts that accumulate funding for activities and to pay authorized expenses. Officers shall serve without pay, but may be reimbursed reasonable out-of-pocket expenses as approved by the Executive Committee. CITY may request and receive a statement of GSSC revenues and expenses each year.

## 7.

**Payment for Performance of Governmental Functions and Services Made from Current Revenues**

By entering into this Agreement, CITY affirms that it is paying for the performance of governmental functions or services from current revenues available. The payments made under this agreement fairly and adequately compensates the GSSC for the services or functions performed under the contract.

## 8.

**Legal Construction**

In case any one or more of the terms, provisions, phrases or clauses contained in this agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable portion had never been contained herein.

## 9.

**Entire Agreement**

This contract embodies the complete agreement of the parties hereto superseding all oral or written previous and contemporary agreements between the parties relating to matters herein and, except as otherwise provided herein, cannot be modified without written agreement of the parties.

## 10.

**No Other Obligations**

By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not create any obligations, express or implied, other than those set forth herein, and this Agreement shall not create any rights in parties not signatories hereto.

## 11.

**Immunity**

It is expressly understood and agreed that in the execution of this Agreement, neither CITY nor GSSC waives, nor shall be deemed to waive, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to each against claims arising in the exercise of governmental powers and functions.

## 12.

**Authority**

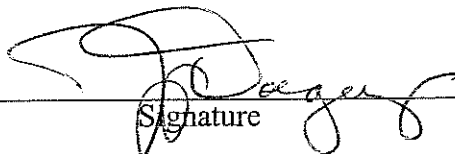
The undersigned officers and/or agents are properly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto, and each hereby certifies to the other that any necessary resolutions extending such authority have been duly passed and are now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated above.

CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS

GAS STANDING STEERING COMMITTEE

BY:   
Signature

BY:   
Signature


Ted Barron  
Printed/Typed Name

Jay Doegay  
Printed/Typed Name

City Manager  
Title

Chair  
Title

ATTEST:

BY:   
Signature

Judy Womack  
Printed/Typed Name

City Secretary  
Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY:   
Signature

B. J. Smith  
Printed/Typed Name

City Attorney  
Title