

BEST ROBERT W
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BEST ROBERT W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ATMOS ENERGY CORP [ATO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5430 LBJ FREEWAY, 1800 III
LINCOLN CENTRE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/06/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Chairman

DALLAS, TX 75240
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/06/2012		A ⁽¹⁾	21,585 A \$ 0	439,909.6821	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2012		F ⁽²⁾	7,868 D \$ 35.55	432,041.6821	D	
Common Stock					59,421.6336 ⁽³⁾	I	By Retirement Savings Plan and Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	11/06/2012		A ⁽⁴⁾	20,034	⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	20,034

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEST ROBERT W 5430 LBJ FREEWAY 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE DALLAS, TX 75240	X		Executive Chairman	

Signatures

/s/Suzanne Johnson
by POA

11/08/2012

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Award of performance based restricted stock units pursuant to the 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan of the Company.
- (2) Shares withheld pursuant to a tax withholding obligation under the 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan of the Company.
- (3) To update end of period holdings as of 10/31/2012 under the Atmos Energy Corporation Retirement Savings Plan and Trust.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of ATO common stock.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest and will be delivered to the reporting person three years from date of grant.

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