ATMOS ENERGY CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading VAUGHAN CHARLES K Issuer Symbol ATMOS ENERGY CORP [ATO] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 5430 LBJ FREEWAY, 1800 III 12/27/2012 below) LINCOLN CENTRE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DALLAS, TX 75240 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Amount Price Common 55,077 \$ 12/27/2012 C 94,786 D (1) 34.785 Stock

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)

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| 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 orDerivative 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) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 12/27/2012 | | A | 3,000 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 3,000 (4) |
| Phantom Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 12/27/2012 | | С | | 55,077 | <u>(3)</u> | (3) | Common Stock | 55,077 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| VAUGHAN CHARLES K 5430 LBJ FREEWAY 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE DALLAS, TX 75240 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/Suzanne Johnson
by POA

**Signature of Reporting

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) Includes 0.5 shares resulting from a feature of the Company's Equity Incentive and Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors authorizing fractional shares to be rounded to the nearest whole share upon distribution to participant.
- (2) Each unit of phantom stock is equivalent to one share of the Company's common stock.
 - The phantom stock units were granted under the Company's 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan and the Equity Incentive and Deferred
- (3) Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors and are to be settled upon the reporting person's termination of service on the Company's Board.
- (4) Includes 620.93 phantom stock units resulting from a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan which were allocated to reporting person's account since March 9, 2012.

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