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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

ATMOS ENERGY CORP [ATO]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner __X__ Other (specify

5430 LBJ FREEWAY, 1800 III

below) Chairman of the Board

below)

LINCOLN CENTRE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

04/01/2013

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

DALLAS, TX 75240

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

7. Nature of Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 4)

441,837.8921 D

Common Stock

(1)

By

Common Stock

60,297.951 (2) I

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)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number iom Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
			Code V	' (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	04/01/2013	A	3,000	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,000	\$ (

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BEST ROBERT W 5430 LBJ FREEWAY 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE DALLAS, TX 75240

X

Chairman of the Board

Signatures

/s/Suzanne Johnson by POA

04/03/2013

**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 4,290.12 shares resulting from a dividend reinvestment account which were allocated to reporting person's account on December 10, 2012.
- (2) To update end of period holdings as of 2/28/2013 under the Atmos Energy Corporation Retirement Savings Plan and Trust.
- (3) Each unit of phantom stock is equivalent to one share of the Company's common stock.
- (4) The phantom stock units were granted under the 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan and are to be settled upon the reporting person's termination of service on the Company's Board.

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