ATMOS ENERGY CORP

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NICHOL PHILLIP E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ATMOS ENERGY CORP [ATO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director

(Check all applicable)

5430 LBJ FREEWAY, 1800 III

(Month/Day/Year)

Officer (give title

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

LINCOLN CENTRE (Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

03/13/2006

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 Security (Instr. 3)

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. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

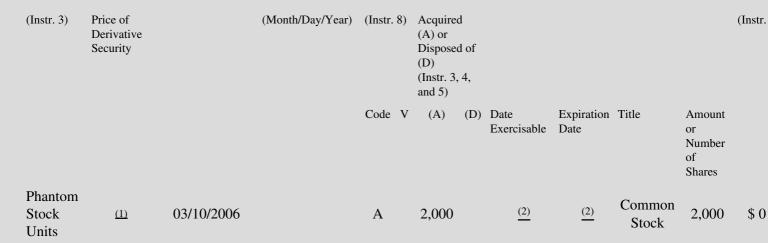
6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NICHOL PHILLIP E

5430 LBJ FREEWAY

1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE

DALLAS, TX 75240

Signatures

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**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Each unit of phantom stock is equivalent to one share of the Company's common stock.
- (2) The phantom stock units were granted under the Atmos Energy Corporation Equity Incentive and Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors and are to be settled upon the reporting person's termination of service on the Company's Board.
- (3) Number of phantom units granted is not based on price.
- (4) Includes 951.20 phantom stock units resulting from a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan which were allocated to reporting person's account since 3/31/05.

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