ATMOS ENERGY CORP

Form 4

March 08, 2016

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 5

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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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

Issuer ATMOS ENERGY CORP [ATO]

(Middle) (Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2016

X_ Director 10% Owner __X__ Other (specify Officer (give title below) below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chairman of the Board

5430 LBJ FREEWAY, 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DALLAS, TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

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 Reported

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

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(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

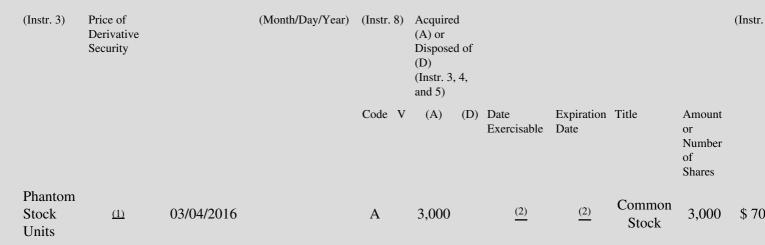
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deriva Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi any

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEST ROBERT W				
5430 LBJ FREEWAY 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE	X			Chairman of the Board

Signatures

DALLAS, TX 75240

/s/Suzanne Johnson by POA 03/08/2016

**Signature of Reporting Date
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 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and are to be settled upon the reporting person's termination of service on the Company's Board.
- (3) Includes 272.81 phantom stock units resulting from a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan which were allocated to reporting person's account since March 6, 2015.

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