

WOODWARD J D  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
WOODWARD J D

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)  
11/09/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP, Non-Utility Operations

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/08/2005                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 5,112   | A  | \$ 26.19  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 50,000  | I  | By Woodward Partners, Ltd                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 20,000  | I  | By Woodward Pipeline <sup>(2)</sup>                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,156.94 <sup>(3)</sup>   | I  | ESOP 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 26.19   | 11/08/2005                           |  | A                              | 86,149<br>(4)   | (5) 11/09/2015   |   | Common Stock | 86,149                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships   |
|---|---|
| WOODWARD J D<br>5430 LBJ FREEWAY<br>1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE<br>DALLAS, TX 75240 | Director 10% Owner Officer<br><br>Sr VP, Non-Utility Operations |

## Signatures

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POA 11/09/2005

\*\*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 restricted stock in lieu of cash granted under the Atmos Energy Corporation Annual Incentive Plan for Management, in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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- (3) To update end of period holdings as of 10/31/05 under the Atmos Energy Corporation Retirement Savings Plan and Trust (formerly known as the Atmos Energy Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust.)
- (4) Award of option in lieu of cash bonus granted under the Atmos Energy Corporation Annual Incentive Plan for Management, in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (5) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on November 7, 2006.

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