

GARLAND THOMAS J  
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 \*  
GARLAND THOMAS J

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/03/2010

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

(Street)  
DALLAS, TX 75240

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
Common Stock	02/03/2010		C	V	36,585.84 A \$ 0	45,081.742 D	

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 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 Number Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	02/03/2010		A	3,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	3,000
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	02/03/2010		C	36,585.84 (4)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	36,585.84

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARLAND THOMAS J 5430 LBJ FREEWAY 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE DALLAS, TX 75240		X		

## Signatures

/s/Dwala Kuhn  
by POA

02/04/2010

\_\_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) 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) Includes 1,601.75 phantom stock units resulting from a dividend reinvestment feature of the Equity Incentive and Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors which units are allocated to reporting person's account since March 6, 2009.
- (4) Conversion to common stock and distribution thereof is being made under the Company's Equity Incentive and Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors upon reporting person's retirement from the Company's Board of Directors.

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