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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Texas and Virginia (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 75-1743247 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1800 Three Lincoln Centre
5430 LBJ Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75240
(972) 934-9227
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Atmos Energy Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust (Full Title of the Plan)

> Louis P. Gregory 1800 Three Lincoln Centre 5430 LBJ Freeway Dallas, Texas 75240 (972) 934-9227

(Name, Address, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE (1)

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Amount

Securities	to be	Offering Price Per	Aggrega
To Be Registered	Registered (2)	Share (3)	Offering Pr
Common stock, no par value	1,000,000	\$22.96 per share	\$22,960,000

Proposed Maximum

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- (1) This registration statement relates to the registration of additional securities under the Atmos Energy Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust. Under the original registration statement (File no. 33-57687) relating to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust, the registrant registered 1,000,000 shares of common stock. The filing fee associated with filing the original registration statement was \$5,883.62.
- (2) This registration statement covers, in addition to the number of shares of common stock, no par value, stated above, such additional shares as may be issued as a result of the antidilution provisions of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(h) on the basis of the average of the high and low prices of the registrant's common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on June 20, 2001.
- (4) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein.

#### PART II

# INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

## ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

Title Of

The registration statement (File no. 33-57687) on Form S-8 relating to the Atmos Energy Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust (formerly known as the Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust for Employees of Atmos Energy Corporation), filed by Atmos with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 1995, is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this registration statement.

#### ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

Louis P. Gregory will opine for us as to the validity of the offered securities. Mr. Gregory is a Senior Vice President and the General Counsel of  $\mathsf{Atmos}$ .

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

Exhibit

Number Description

5.1	Opinion of Louis P. Gregory
23.1	Consent of Independent Auditors
23.2	Consent of Louis P. Gregory (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24	Power of Attorney (included on Signature Page)

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Dallas, State of Texas, on this 25th day of June, 2001.

### ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ ROBERT W. BEST

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Robert W. Best, Chairman,
President and Chief Executive Officer

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Robert W. Best as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement, including post-effective amendments, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ ROBERT W. BEST	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	June 25, 2001
Robert W. Best	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ JOHN P. REDDY	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	June 25, 2001

John P. Reddy	(Principal Financial Officer)		
/s/ F. E. MEISENHEIMER	Vice President and Controller	June 25,	2001
F. E. Meisenheimer	(Principal Accounting Officer)		
/s/ TRAVIS W. BAIN II	Director	June 25,	2001
Travis W. Bain II			
	Director	June,	2001
Dan Busbee			
/s/ RICHARD W. CARDIN	Director	June 25,	2001
Richard W. Cardin			
/s/ THOMAS J. GARLAND	Director	June 25,	2001
Thomas J. Garland			
/s/ GENE C. KOONCE	Director	June 25,	2001
Gene C. Koonce			
/s/ VINCENT J. LEWIS	Director	June 25,	2001
Vincent J. Lewis			
/s/ THOMAS C. MEREDITH	Director	June 25,	2001
Thomas C. Meredith			
/s/ PHILLIP E. NICHOL	Director	June 25,	2001
Phillip E. Nichol			
/s/ CARL S. QUINN	Director	June 25,	2001
Carl S. Quinn			
/s/ CHARLES K. VAUGHAN	Director	June 25,	2001
Charles K. Vaughan			
/s/ RICHARD WARE II	Director	June 25,	2001

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the ESOP Trust Committee has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Dallas, State of

Richard Ware II

Texas, on this 25th day of June, 2001.

# ESOP TRUST COMMITTEE

By: /s/ LAURIE M. SHERWOOD

Laurie M. Sherwood, Chairperson

By: /s/ TOM S. HAWKINS, Jr.

Tom S. Hawkins, Jr., Member

By: /s/ RONALD W. McDOWELL

Ronald W. McDowell, Member

By: /s/ GORDON J. ROY
Gordon J. Roy, Member

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