

**UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENT WITH ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION  
FOR THE HILLSBORO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASE 2,  
INDEPENDENCE SQUARE TO MACK HATCHER PARKWAY  
COF Contract No. 2015-0043**

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between the **City of Franklin, Tennessee** (“City”) and **Atmos Energy Corporation** (“Utility”).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the City plans to construct the Hillsboro Road Improvements Project Phase 2, Independence Square to Mack Hatcher Parkway, TDOT PIN 108409.00, (the “Project”), as shown on construction plans and specifications as part of COF Contract No. 2015-0002; and

**WHEREAS**, for said Project to be constructed it will be necessary for the Utility to relocate certain parts of its facilities, one hundred percent (100%) of which are located on public highway right-of-way and zero percent (0%) of which are located on private utility rights-of-way or easements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is liable for the relocation of the Utility’s facilities located on private Utility rights-of-way but is not liable for adjustment of the Utility’s facilities located on publicly owned rights-of-way or for any Utility betterment costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utility has furnished the City with final Utility relocation construction plans and a construction cost estimate showing the manner of relocating their facilities and the estimated total cost is in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand and NO/100 Dollars (\$193,000.00) (“Utility’s Cost”); and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to enter into an Agreement to provide for the relocation of the Utility's facilities in conjunction with the City’s Project, and the Utility has requested the City to undertake the hereinafter described Utility relocation work in its Project construction contract (COF Contract No. 2015-0002); and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the mutual interest of the parties that this Utility relocation work be performed together with the construction of the Project.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of these premises and the mutual promises contained herein, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference as if fully stated herein.
2. The City will show the proposed relocation of the Utility's facilities in the Project construction plans as Project cost items and will receive bids for same by its highway contractor as a part of the construction contract (COF Contract No. 2015-0002) for construction of the above mentioned Project. The City will be responsible for having its

contractor perform the aforesaid Utility relocation work in accordance with the City's construction contract, including the Project plans, standard specifications, special provisions, and the Utility relocation plans and specifications heretofore agreed upon by and between the parties hereto, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

3. The Utility agrees to reimburse the City for the Utility's Cost. Reimbursement shall be based on the actual cost of the Utility's Cost items as shown on the approved Project plans incorporated herein by reference. It is further agreed that the Utility will make payment to the City in the amount of the estimated cost of the Utility's Cost items prior to advertisement for bids. In the event said payment exceeds the aggregate amount of the Utility's Cost charges, the difference will be refunded to the Utility. In the event said Utility's Cost charges exceed the deposit, the Utility agrees to reimburse the City for such additional amount.
4. This Agreement is subject to the appropriation and availability of City funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable or the City cancels the Project for any reason prior to awarding the Project construction contract, the City reserves the right to terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the Utility. Said termination shall not be deemed a breach of contract by the City.
5. The Utility agrees that the City may advertise for and receive bids for the construction of the Project, including the proposed relocation of the Utility's facilities, and award and enter into contract with the lowest responsible bidder. The City shall include the following provision in winning contract: "All parties agree that Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy") shall be, and is hereby, named as an express third-party beneficiary of this contract with respect to Atmos Energy's facilities and contractor's work related to the same (the "Gas Utility Work"). Atmos Energy shall be named as an additional insured on contractor's liability insurance, and all warranties relating to the Gas Utility Work shall be for the benefit of, and enforceable by, Atmos Energy."
6. It is also understood and agreed that the City, in its sole discretion, may reject any and all bids submitted for the construction of said Project without any liability whatsoever to the Utility.
7. It is further agreed that in letting the construction contract with respect to the proposed relocation of the Utility's facilities, the City is acting solely in accommodation of the Utility and shall have no liability to the Utility for any damages or claims arising out of acts or omissions on the part of the City's contractor. The Utility agrees that it will not hold the City responsible for any claims arising out of the inclusion of the Utility's items of work in the City's highway construction contract. Under this Agreement, the "City" shall include any and all officers and employees of the City of Franklin, Tennessee acting within the scope of their employment with the City.
8. The Utility relocation plans and specifications heretofore agreed upon by and between the parties hereto, all of which are incorporated herein by reference are provided by the Utility, signed and sealed in accordance with State regulations by a licensed engineer

employed by the Utility, and the Utility is solely responsible for said relocation plans and specifications. The Utility shall be responsible for all direct or indirect costs resulting from errors and omissions of said relocations plans and specifications included in the City construction contract. The Utility shall be responsible to provide the City any and all necessary plans, electronic files, documentation, or anything else that is deemed necessary by the City to include the Utility work in the City construction contract.

9. The Utility has acquired or shall acquire all Utility rights-of-way outside of the available public highway right-of-way and/or easements as may be needed to relocate its Utility facilities, including any betterment, and the Utility shall provide the City and its contractor with the rights to use these Utility rights-of-way and/or easements for construction purposes. The Utility further agrees that it has acquired or will acquire these rights-of-way at no cost to the City except insofar as City may be liable to reimburse the Utility for the replacement of previously owned private Utility right-of-way and/or easements.
10. The Utility shall have the right and responsibility to inspect and approve, prior to the City's release of its Project contractor's bond, all items of Utility relocation work to be performed under the proposed highway construction contract to ensure that the relocation is completed in accordance with this Agreement and all applicable plans, specifications, and safety codes. The inspection of the Utility's facilities shall be performed at no cost to the City.
11. The Utility agrees to perform the Utility engineering work and inspection work provided for in this Agreement by its own forces and/or consultant engineering services approved by the City.
12. The City may submit periodic invoices to the Utility during the course of the Project (not more frequently than every thirty (30) days), which invoices shall be payable within thirty (30) days after receipt of same by the City. Within sixty (60) days of completion of the Utility's relocated facilities, the City and Utility shall settle on a final billing. The City and Utility will provide reasonable documentation to reconcile all such costs.
13. The Utility agrees, to the extent provided by law, that it will be solely responsible for any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and causes of action which may arise, accrue, or result to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity which may be injured or damaged as a result of acts, omissions, or negligence on the part of the Utility or its employees in the performance of the Utility's engineering and inspection work relating to this Agreement. The Utility agrees that it will not hold the City responsible for any claims arising out of the inclusion of the Utility's items of work in the City's Project construction contract. Under this Agreement, the "City" shall include any and all officers and employees of the City of Franklin, Tennessee acting within the scope of their employment with the City.
14. In the event that the City is sued for damages arising from acts, omissions, or negligence by the Utility or its employees, the Utility shall cooperate in the City's defense. The City shall give the Utility written notice of any such claim or suit, and the Utility shall have

full right and obligation to conduct the Utility's own defense thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to accord to the Utility, through its attorney(s), the right to represent the City in any legal matter, such rights being governed by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-6-1 06.

15. The City shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Agreement.
16. Failure by any party to this Agreement to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any such term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by written amendment specifically citing the paragraph within the Agreement to be amended and signed by the parties hereto.
17. The Utility shall comply with all applicable federal, state and City laws and regulations in the performance of its duties under this Agreement. The parties agree that failure of the Utility to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and subject the Utility to the repayment of all City funds expended, or expenses incurred, under this Agreement.
18. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.
19. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.
20. This Agreement is made under and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee without giving effect to that state's choice of law rules. The parties' choice of forum and venue shall be exclusively in the courts of Williamson County, Tennessee. The Utility acknowledges and agrees that any rights or claims against the City of Franklin or its officials, contractors, agents or employees hereunder, and any remedies arising therefrom, shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies, if any, available to the City under law.
21. If any terms, covenants, conditions or provisions of this Agreement are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms, covenants, conditions and provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect. To this end, the terms and conditions of this Agreement are declared severable.
22. The City and the Utility agree that any notice provided for in this Agreement or concerning this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be made by personal delivery, by certified mail (return receipt requested), by nationally recognized overnight delivery service (such as FedEx or UPS), or by facsimile transmission (provided that notice shall also be given in one of the other methods prescribed herein) addressed to the respective

party at the appropriate facsimile number or address as set forth below or to such other party, facsimile number, or address as may be hereafter specified by written notice.

To City:  
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Staff Engineer  
109 3rd Avenue South  
Franklin, TN 37064  
Fax: (615) 791-3293  
[William.banks@franklin.tn.gov](mailto:William.banks@franklin.tn.gov)

To Atmos Energy Corporation  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Franklin, TN 37064  
Fax: (615) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Board of Mayor and Aldermen Approved this Agreement on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates as indicated below.

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE**

**Atmos Energy Corporation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Ken Moore  
Mayor  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eric S. Stuckey  
City Administrator  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved as to form:**

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Shauna R. Billingsley, City Attorney