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

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**Form 8-K**

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**Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**December 3, 2024  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

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

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**Texas and Virginia**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-10042**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**75-1743247**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1800 Three Lincoln Centre  
5430 LBJ Freeway  
Dallas Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**75240**  
(Zip Code)

**(972) 934-9227**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock No Par Value	ATO	New York Stock Exchange

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 5, 2024, Atmos Energy Corporation (the “Company”) announced that Karen E. Hartsfield, currently Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, notified the Company on December 3, 2024, that she will retire in late 2025 after a distinguished career with the Company. She will serve in her current role until December 31, 2024, and then move into a Senior Advisor position, continuing to serve on the Company’s Management Committee.

The Company’s Board of Directors has appointed Jessica Bateman Pulliam to the position of Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, effective January 1, 2025. In this role, Ms. Bateman Pulliam will join the Company’s Management Committee, reporting to Kevin Akers, President and Chief Executive Officer.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosures.**

On December 5, 2024, the Company issued a news release announcing the appointment of Ms. Bateman Pulliam and the transition to Senior Advisor of Ms. Hartsfield. A copy of the news release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished in this Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any of the Company’s filings under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#">News Release dated December 5, 2024</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page interactive data file does not appear in the interactive data file because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

DATE: December 5, 2024

By: /s/ CHRISTOPHER T. FORSYTHE

Christopher T. Forsythe  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer



## News Release

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**Atmos Energy Corporation Announces Retirement of Karen E. Hartsfield and Appointment of Jessica Bateman Pulliam to Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary**

DALLAS (December 5, 2024) - Atmos Energy Corporation (NYSE: ATO) announced today that Karen E. Hartsfield, currently Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, will retire in late 2025 after a distinguished career with the Company. She will serve in her current role until December 31, 2024, and then move into a Senior Advisor position, continuing to serve on the Company's Management Committee.

Ms. Hartsfield joined Atmos Energy in June 2015 and assumed her current role in August 2017. "Karen has led with integrity and a clear vision that will leave a positive, lasting impression upon our Company. She has been a key member of our senior management team, and we are eternally grateful for her leadership and guidance that has been instrumental to Atmos Energy's success and strategic direction," said Kevin Akers, President and Chief Executive Officer.

The Company's Board of Directors has appointed Jessica Bateman Pulliam to the position of Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, effective January 1, 2025. In her new role, Ms. Bateman Pulliam will join the Company's Management Committee, reporting to Kevin Akers, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Ms. Bateman Pulliam will join Atmos Energy from Baker Botts L.L.P. where she currently serves as a partner and co-chair of the firmwide Securities and Shareholder Litigation Group and has served in a variety of leadership positions. Ms. Bateman Pulliam has spent over 21 years at Baker Botts practicing nationwide in various complex legal and regulatory matters. She received her bachelor and law degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

"Jessica is well recognized for her leadership and strategic advice," said Akers, "which makes her an excellent addition to our executive team at Atmos Energy. She and Karen have worked closely for several years and will continue to do so to support a smooth transition."

**About Atmos Energy**

Atmos Energy Corporation, an S&P 500 company headquartered in Dallas, is the country's largest natural gas-only distributor. We safely deliver reliable, efficient and abundant natural gas to over 3.3 million distribution customers in over 1,400 communities across eight states located primarily in the South. As part of our vision to be the safest provider of natural gas services, we are modernizing our business and infrastructure while continuing to invest in safety, innovation, environmental sustainability and our communities. Atmos Energy manages proprietary pipeline and storage assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipeline systems in Texas. Find us online at <http://www.atmosenergy.com>, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).