Sampson Richard A Form 4 March 12, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sampson Richard A

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ATMOS ENERGY CORP [ATO]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

03/09/2018

Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

below)

5340 LBJ FREEWAY, 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

DALLAS, TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Security

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

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(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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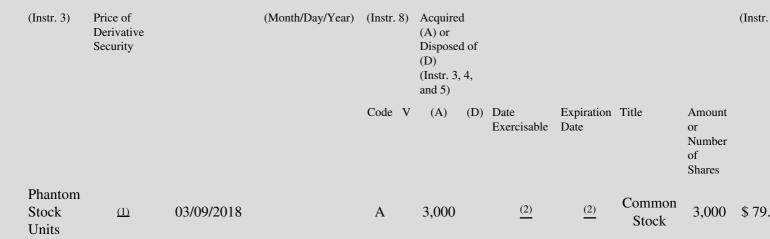
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** Deriva

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sampson Richard A 5340 LBJ FREEWAY 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE DALLAS, TX 75240	X			

Signatures

/s/Suzanne Johnson by POA 03/12/2018

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and are to be settled upon the reporting person's termination of service on the Company's Board.
- (3) Includes 343.80 phantom stock units resulting from a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan which were allocated to reporting person's account since March 10, 2017.

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