CARDIN RICHARD W
Form 4
March 14, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
   Richard W. Cardin
   4969 Tyne Ridge Court
   TN, Nashville 37220
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
   Atmos Energy Corporation (ATO)

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
   410-54-7137
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
   3/14/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other
   (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
   ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	2A. Execution Date	3. Transaction Code	V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Trans(s)

Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Derivative Security	2.Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code	V	5.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of(D) Amount	A/D	6.Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	7.Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title	and Number of Shares	8.P of vat Sec rit
Phantom Stock Units	1-for-1	3/14/2003		A		1000.00	A	1	1	Common Stock	1000.00	

Explanation of Responses:
1. 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.
2. Includes 706 phantom stock units resulting from a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan which were allocated to reporting person's account from the Plan's inception on January 1, 1999 through March 14, 2003.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
Richard W. Cardin