

ATMOS ENERGY CORP  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**Atmos Energy Corporation**

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**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

*ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION*

*C/O AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER*

*6201 15TH AVENUE*

*BROOKLYN, NY 11219*

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** December 15, 2016  
**Date:** February 8, 2017   **Time:** 9:00 a.m. CST  
**Location:** Charles K. Vaughan Center  
3697 Mapleshade Lane

Plano, TX 75075

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**Before You Vote**

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**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following listed nominees:**

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

**Nominees:**

1a. Robert W. Best

1b. Kim R. Cocklin

1c. Kelly H. Compton

1d. Richard W. Douglas

1e. Ruben E. Esquivel

1f. Rafael G. Garza

1g. Richard K. Gordon

1h. Robert C. Grable

1i. Michael E. Haefner

1j. Nancy K. Quinn

1k. Richard A. Sampson

1l. Stephen R. Springer

1m. Richard Ware II

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR proposals 2-3.**

2. Proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2017.
3. Proposal for an advisory vote by shareholders to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers for fiscal 2016 ( Say-on-Pay ).

