

BEST ROBERT W
Form 4
November 16, 2009

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BEST ROBERT W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**5430 LBJ FREEWAY, 1800 III
LINCOLN CENTRE**

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

ATMOS ENERGY CORP [ATO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

11/16/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

CHAIRMAN AND CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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 (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/16/2009		M	50,000	A \$ 15.65	411,867	D
Common Stock	11/16/2009		S	50,000	D \$ 28.6352	361,867	D
Common Stock						50,050.805 (1)	I By Retirement Savings Plan and Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.65	11/16/2009		M	50,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/06/2010	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BEST ROBERT W 5430 LBJ FREEWAY 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE DALLAS, TX 75240	X CHAIRMAN AND CEO

Signatures

/s/Dwala Kuhn
by POA 11/16/2009

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) To update end of period holdings as of 10/31/09 under the Atmos Energy Corporation Retirement Savings Plan and Trust (formerly known as the Atmos Energy Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust.)

(2) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2001.

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