

ATMOS ENERGY CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 VAUGHAN CHARLES K

(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)

12/27/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/27/2012		C	55,077 (1) A \$ 34.785	94,786	D	

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)**

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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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	12/27/2012		A	3,000	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,000 (4)
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	12/27/2012		C	55,077	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	55,077

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VAUGHAN CHARLES K 5430 LBJ FREEWAY 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE DALLAS, TX 75240	X			

## Signatures

/s/Suzanne Johnson  
by POA

12/31/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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) Includes 0.5 shares resulting from a feature of the Company's Equity Incentive and Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors authorizing fractional shares to be rounded to the nearest whole share upon distribution to participant.
- (2) Each unit of phantom stock is equivalent to one share of the Company's common stock.  
The phantom stock units were granted under the Company's 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan and the 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.
- (3) Includes 620.93 phantom stock units resulting from a dividend reinvestment feature of the Plan which were allocated to reporting person's account since March 9, 2012.

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