

BEST ROBERT W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ATMOS ENERGY CORP [ATO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5430 LBJ FREEWAY, 1800 III  
LINCOLN CENTRE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/26/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Chairman

DALLAS, TX 75240

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price                                         |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 11/26/2010                           |                                                    | M                              | 43,362 A \$ 0                                                     | 423,393                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 11/26/2010                           |                                                    | S                              | 43,362 D \$ 30.2271 (1)                                           | 380,031                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 53,307.751 (2)                                                                                | I                                                        | By Retirement Savings Plan and Trust                  |

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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) |              |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 21.58                                               | 11/26/2010                           |                                                    | M                              | 43,362                                                                                  | <sup>(3)</sup>                                           | 11/11/2012                                                    | Common Stock | 43,362                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                   | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|                                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| BEST ROBERT W<br>5430 LBJ FREEWAY<br>1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE<br>DALLAS, TX 75240 | X             |           | Executive Chairman |       |

## Signatures

/s/Dwala Kuhn  
by POA

11/26/2010

\*\*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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$30.15 to \$30.38, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Company, any security holder of the Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.

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- (2) To update end of period holdings as of 10/31/2010 under the Atmos Energy Corporation Retirement Savings Plan and Trust (formerly known as the Atmos Energy Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust.)
- (3) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on November 12, 2003.

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