

WOODWARD J D
Form 4
March 04, 2005

FORM 4

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

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287
Expires: January 31, 2005
Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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 *
WOODWARD J D

(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)
03/04/2005

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)
Sr VP, Non-Utility Operations

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2005 | | M | | 20,118 A \$ 21.58 | 740,846 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2005 | | M | | 6,134 A \$ 21.23 | 746,980 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2005 | | S | | 26,252 D \$ 27.7467 | 720,728 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 50,000 | I |
| | | | | | | 20,000 | I |

By
Woodward
Partners,
Ltd

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|--|--|-------------------------|---|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | By Woodward Pipeline ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | 2,626.92 ⁽²⁾ | I | ESOP Trust |

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

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SEC 1474
(9-02)

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 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.58 | 03/02/2005 | | M | 20,118 | ⁽³⁾ | 11/11/2012 | Common Stock | 20,118 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.23 | 03/02/2005 | | M | 6,134 | ⁽⁴⁾ | 03/10/2013 | Common Stock | 6,134 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WOODWARD J D 5430 LBJ FREEWAY 1800 III LINCOLN CENTRE DALLAS, TX 75240 | | | Sr VP, Non-Utility Operations | |

Signatures

Dwala Kuhn by
POA

03/04/2005

 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 reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (2) To update end of period holdings as of 1/31/05 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.
- (4) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on March 11, 2004.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.