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**Marc Chapman of Atmos Energy Named
Winner of AGA Distribution Achievement Award**

Grapevine, TX – Marc Chapman, director of construction and maintenance operations for Atmos Energy of Dallas, Texas today was named the winner of the American Gas Association's 2007 Distribution Achievement Award. He was honored at the AGA annual Operations Conference, held in Grapevine, Texas from April 24-26, 2007.

Sponsored by the American Meter Company, this award is presented each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the science and art of gas distribution.

Chapman was recognized for his invention of the Vapor Extraction Unit (VEU). The VEU device provides substantially improved operation safety in locating and mitigating leakages in underground natural gas pipes.

With Atmos for 28 years, Chapman is director of construction and maintenance operations in the Dallas-Ft. Worth metro area, which serves one million customers.

Other positions he held at the company include customer service tech, construction worker, backhoe operator, crew leader, construction supervisor, general supervisor, inspection and compliance manager, operations manager, process owner, code compliance manager, region manager and director.

The American Gas Association, founded in 1918, represents 200 local energy utility companies that deliver natural gas to more than 64 million homes, businesses and industries throughout the United States. A total of 69 million residential, commercial and industrial customers receive natural gas in the US, and AGA's members' deliver 92 percent of all natural gas provided by the nation's natural gas utilities. Natural gas meets almost one-fourth of the United States' energy needs. For more information, please visit www.aga.org.