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## Atlas Ranks among Leading Local "Top 50" Companies

Among the local Top 50 Companies reported in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* recently, Atlas America ranked high in a variety of categories.

Atlas was rated 12th in terms of "top growth" and 20th as "top winner overall" by the newspaper in its evaluation of 50 public companies located in and around Pittsburgh.

Overall winners were selected based on all seven categories —revenue,



change in revenue, net income, change in net income, change in stock price, return on equity and market value. Atlas' standing is significant in that it came in close to the likes of such giants as

PNC Financial, US Steel, Mellon Financial and H.J. Heinz.

Growth winners were selected based on change in net income, revenue and stock price, as well as return on equity. Again, the company was barely edged out by such

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## Effective July 6th, Atlas will be relocating to:

**Atlas Energy Resources, LLC.  
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Moon Township, PA 15108**

**There will be no change to the existing P.O. Box 611 for general mail. The main Atlas telephone and fax numbers will remain the same, but extensions will change. Notification of new extensions will be provided separately.**



## Atlas Energy Reports 32% Revenue Rise Over Last Year

**Also Reports Gains in Production and Funds Raised**

Atlas Energy Resources, LLC reported total revenues of \$321.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, an approximate 32% increase from the same period in 2005.

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## Natural Gas - World and U.S. Outlooks



### World Outlook

While world energy consumption is projected to grow 57% between 2004 and

2030 in general, according to a recently released Energy Information Administration (EIA) report, the most rapid growth in energy demand is projected to take place in nations outside the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), especially in non-OECD Asia, where strong projected economic growth drives the increase in energy use. This is according to the International Energy Outlook 2007 released in late May. Global energy demand grows despite

relatively high world oil and natural gas prices.

Growth in natural gas, coal, and renewable energy sources are expected to account for the lion's share of this growth over the period. In contrast, rising oil prices dampen growth in demand for petroleum and other liquids fuels after 2015 and, as a result, reduce their share of overall energy use from 38 percent in 2004 to a projected 34 percent in 2030. Liquids consumption is still expected to grow strongly, however, reaching 118 million barrels per day in 2030. The United States, China, and India together account for nearly half of the projected growth in world liquids use.

Consumption of natural gas worldwide increases from 100 trillion cubic feet in 2004 to 163 trillion cubic feet

in 2030 according to the report. By energy source, the projected increase globally is second only to coal.

### U.S. Outlook

The Natural Gas Year-In-Review 2006 says that natural gas prices fell in 2006 in contrast to record-breaking 2005 figures, due largely to lower winter heating demand because temperatures were warmer, coupled with growth in offshore production and above average storage supplies which alleviated tightness in the market. "Market pressure was further alleviated," the report says, "by a lack of severe hurricanes and steady recovery from damage sustained during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005." ■

*Sources: Energy Information Administration's International Energy Outlook 2007 and the Natural Gas Year-In-Review 2006*

## Business Week Ranks Atlas Energy #16 for Top Growth

*Business Week* recently ranked Atlas Energy Resources 16th in the top "Hot Growth 100" companies in the United States. In the report which was published on May 29, Atlas Energy was listed just beneath what were mostly phenomenally high-growth consumer and high tech companies. Among these were Heelys (#1), Bare Escentuals (#2), TGC Industries (#3), Under Armour (#7), Mannatech (#12), and Cognizant Technology Solutions (#15). See the "Top 25" list of the 100 chosen far right.

According to the publication, the 100 companies selected come from all parts of the economy, but at any particular moment certain hot

sectors dominate. Interestingly, this year, energy sector companies predominated, accounting for 17 of them, the highest number in any given category. Evidencing this trend, just three years ago, the energy sector only had 5 companies on the list. See the "Sectors" comparison chart below. ■

*Source: Business Week, May 29, 2007.*

### Sectors of the Economy Comparison Business Week Hot Growth 100

Number of Companies on	2007 List	2004 List
<b>Energy</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>
Capital Goods	13	4
Retailing	10	16
Software & Services	10	6
Materials	7	3
Health-Care Equipment & Services	6	19

### Top 25 of the 2007 Business Week Hot Growth 100 Companies

- Heelys
- Bare Escentuals
- TGC Industries
- VASCO Data Security Intl.
- Titanium Metals
- Applix
- Under Armour
- Dynamic Materials
- Flotek Industries
- Houston Wire & Cable
- Hittite Microwave
- Mannatech
- Cal Dive International
- Alliance Resource Partners
- Cognizant Technology Solutions
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- Ceradyne
- Liquidity Services
- Quality Systems
- Tessera Technologies
- Zumiez
- Huron Consulting Group
- Guess?
- Immuco
- Ansoft & Services



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growth leaders as Allegheny Energy, Ansoft, L.B. Foster, American Eagle Outfitters, and U.S. Steel.

When it came to specific rankings within these major categories, Atlas also fared very well. Most noteworthy, the company came in 3rd for "top change in revenue" based on its 58% increase in revenue for the past 12 months over the prior period last year. Atlas was ranked 9th in "top return on equity" at 31.76%, the ratio of net income to investment

by stockholders which is defined by the paper as determining "how well a company makes money for its stockholders."

Atlas ranked 19th in "top change in stock price" with a percentage price change for stock in 2006 of 27%. The company rated 23rd in "top revenue" at \$749 million in 2006, 25th in "top market value" at \$1.028 billion, and 33rd in "top net income" at \$16 million.

Source: Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, March 20, 2007. ■

## DTE Gas & Oil Company Acquisition Announced



Atlas recently announced that Atlas Energy Resources, LLC is acquiring DTE Gas & Oil Company ("DTE") for \$1.225 billion. Atlas Energy signed a definitive purchase agreement on May 22 to acquire DTE, a wholly owned subsidiary of DTE Energy Company ("DGO"), for \$1.225

billion in cash, subject to purchase price adjustments and customary closing conditions. The transaction has been unanimously approved by Atlas Energy's board of directors and is expected to close on or about June 30, at press time.

"This highly-accretive acquisition will sharply increase Atlas Energy's distributions to Atlas America as the owner of over 30 million common and Class A units," Atlas Chairman and CEO Edward E. Cohen said. "Even more significant perhaps, anticipated distributions should rise to a level high enough to trigger management incentive interests for Atlas America as manager of Atlas Energy. It is extremely gratifying to have reached this level barely six months after our initial public offering." He went on to say, "We look forward to continuing to pursue similar future acquisition opportunities and to achieving further strong internal organic growth."

Atlas owns an 80% common unit interest and all of the Class A and management incentive interests in Atlas Energy Resources, LLC (NYSE:ATN) ("Atlas Energy"), announced today that an 83% interest in

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## Atlas Energy Reports Revenue Rise

"I am very pleased with the excellent year that we've enjoyed," said Edward E. Cohen, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Atlas Energy. "Total revenues for the year grew by 32% to a record \$321.0 million, reflecting strong growth in both our investment program business and the production of natural gas."

### Gains in production and funds raised

Additionally, funds raised for investment drilling partnerships, which are utilized to finance well drilling, reached \$218.5 million in 2006, an increase of approximately 39% from the comparable period in 2005.

Also, the company's average natural gas and oil production volume was 27.0 million cubic feet equivalents ("mmcf") per day for 2006, representing an increase of approximately 14% over 2005. In the fourth quarter alone, production volumes reached 28.3 mmcf, an increase of about 18% over the last quarter of 2005.

"During the year, \$218.5 was raised million from syndicated drilling programs, a 39% increase over the full year 2005, and production of natural gas and oil increased by 14% over 2005," Mr. Cohen said. "With over 3,100 identified drilling locations on our existing acreage position, which does not include our emerging play in the Marcellus Shale, we have a growing inventory of locations to support our drilling programs," he added. "We continue to see strong demand for our drilling programs and we plan to raise at least \$270 million through these programs in 2007."

Atlas America owns an 80% common unit interest and all of the Class A and management incentive interests in Atlas Energy. ■

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Atlas Pipeline Holdings, L.P., a limited partnership which owns the general partner interest in Atlas Pipeline Partners, L.P., all the incentive distribution rights and 1,641,026 common units of APL.

DGO owns interests in approximately 2,150 natural gas wells producing from the Antrim Shale, located in Michigan's northern lower peninsula. The Antrim Shale is a mature play characterized by long-lived reserves and predictable production rates.

As a result of this transaction, Atlas Energy expects to distribute between \$2.20 and \$2.40 per common unit in 2008, while at the same time intends to increase its distribution coverage ratio from 1.1x to 1.2x. Based on this projection, Atlas America would receive approximately \$66 million to \$72 million in common unit cash distributions in 2008 from Atlas Energy, compared to a current annual run rate of approximately \$52 million, an increase of almost 40%. As manager of Atlas Energy, Atlas America is further entitled to management incentive distributions of 15% on all quarterly distributions above \$0.48, and 25% on all quarterly distributions above \$0.59, payable upon compliance with certain future

financial tests (that is subject to the fulfillment of the 12-quarter test as described in Atlas Energy's Operating Agreement). Based on the common unit distribution range for 2008 of \$2.20 to \$2.40, Atlas America expects to receive, in its capacity as manager of Atlas Energy, between \$6.2 million and \$9.8 million, including the management incentive interests.

Because Atlas Energy will receive a tax basis step up in the DGO assets acquired, Atlas America will benefit from additional tax deferral on future cash distributions from Atlas Energy.

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