

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.'s) File No. GR-2009-0306, et al.
Purchased Gas Adjustment) Tariff No. YG-2010-0302

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Issue Date: November 12, 2009

Effective Date: November 13, 2009

On October 29,¹ Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. ("MGU"), filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective November 13, 2009. The tariff sheets reflect a change in MGU's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the 2009-2010 winter season.

For MGU's Northern system (serving communities such as Hamilton and Gallatin), this filing will decrease the firm PGA factor for all firm customers for the upcoming heating season to \$0.6340 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf), from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.6796 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.0456 per Ccf for all firm customers. For MGU's Southern system (serving communities such as Warsaw and Cole Camp), this filing will decrease the firm PGA factor for all firm customers for the upcoming heating season to \$0.5666 per Ccf, from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.6007 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.0331 per Ccf for all firm customers.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on November 15. Staff recommends that the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund pending final Commission decision in Case No. GR-2009-0306. Staff recommends that the tariff become effective on November 13.

¹ All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2009 unless otherwise noted.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to MGU's Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because MGU's PGA clause in its tariff allows for PGA change filings to take effect on ten days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariffs to become effective on less than 30 days notice. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on November 13, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in Case No. GR-2009-0306.

MGU also filed information regarding its Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor. Staff has requested that it be allowed until December 31, 2010, to review and file its recommendation for the ACA factor. The Commission finds this request to be reasonable and will direct Staff to file its recommendation as set out below.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on October 29, 2009, by Missouri Gas Utility, Inc., assigned Tracking Number YG-2010-0302 and bearing an effective dated of November 13 2009, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in Case No. GR-2009-0306 for service rendered on and after November 13, 2009. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO No. 1
8th Revised Sheet No. 51, Cancels 7th Revised Sheet No. 51
2nd Revised Sheet No. 52, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet No. 52

2. This order shall become effective on November 13, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of November, 2009