

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the General Rate Increase for) **Case No. GR-2008-0060, et al.**
Natural Gas Service Provided by Missouri Gas) **Tariff No. YG-2008-0576**
Utility, Inc.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER

Issue Date: April 1, 2008

Effective Date: April 15, 2008

On March 3, 2008,¹ Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. (“MGU”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (“Unanimous Agreement”) in this matter. On March 19, the Commission convened a Stipulation Hearing, allowing the parties to formally present the Unanimous Agreement to the Commission and to answer questions from the Commission regarding the specific terms of the Unanimous Agreement. On March 20, the Commission issued its Order Approving the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Authorizing Tariff Filing (“Order”) approving MGU’s general rate increase as delineated in the Unanimous Agreement.

On March 24, MGU filed tariff sheets to be in compliance with the Commission’s March 20 Order. The new tariff filings were assigned tracking number YG-2008-0576 and bear an effective date of April 23, 2008. MGU concurrently filed a motion to expedite approval of the tariffs with less than thirty days’ notice, and requested the tariffs be approved to be effective on April 15. Also on March 24, the Commission

¹ All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2008 unless otherwise noted.

directed its Staff to file a recommendation advising the Commission whether the newly filed tariff sheets were in compliance with the approved Unanimous Agreement.

On March 27, Staff filed its recommendation. Staff finds the compliance tariff sheets accurately reflect the terms and conditions of the Unanimous Agreement and recommends that the Commission approve them. Staff further states that MGU has stated good cause for allowing the compliance tariff sheets to go into effect in less than 30 days as required by Section 393.140(11) and making them effective on April 15. Specifically, Staff notes that the requested April 15 effective date coincides with MGU's meter reading and the start of a new billing period. Because MGU lacks the ability to pro-rate usage on their bills, if the motion to expedite is not approved, MGU would have to wait until May 15 to implement the approved rate change. No party has responded to Staff's recommendation by the response deadline set by the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed MGU's compliance tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. Based upon these filings, the Commission will approve MGU's compliance tariff sheets. The Commission has previously found good cause for expediting the effective date of the tariff sheets, and further agrees with Staff's assessment that further delay would impede MGU's ability to initiate the approved rate change.² Consequently, the Commission shall approve the tariff sheets with an effective date of April 15.

² See *Order Directing Staff to File an Expedited Recommendation*, issued March 24, 2008; *Order Approving Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Authorizing Tariff Filing*, issued March 20, 2008, Ordered Paragraph Number 6; and Transcript Volume 4, pp. 80-83.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The following gas service tariff sheets filed by Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. in Case Number GR-2008-0060, *et al.*, and assigned Tariff File No. YG-2008-0576, are approved for service on or after April 15, 2008. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

First Revised Sheet No. 5, Cancels Original Sheet No. 5
First Revised Sheet No. 9, Cancels Original Sheet No. 9
First Revised Sheet No. 10, Cancels Original Sheet No. 10
First Revised Sheet No. 11, Cancels Original Sheet No. 11
First Revised Sheet No. 12, Cancels Original Sheet No. 12
First Revised Sheet No. 13, Cancels Original Sheet No. 13
First Revised Sheet No. 15, Cancels Original Sheet No. 15
First Revised Sheet No. 16, Cancels Original Sheet No. 16
First Revised Sheet No. 17, Cancels Original Sheet No. 17
First Revised Sheet No. 19, Cancels Original Sheet No. 19
First Revised Sheet No. 20, Cancels Original Sheet No. 20
First Revised Sheet No. 21, Cancels Original Sheet No. 21
First Revised Sheet No. 23, Cancels Original Sheet No. 23
First Revised Sheet No. 24, Cancels Original Sheet No. 24
First Revised Sheet No. 39, Cancels Original Sheet No. 39
First Revised Sheet No. 46, Cancels Original Sheet No. 46
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 51, Cancels Third Revised Sheet No. 51
First Revised Sheet No. 54, Cancels Original Sheet No. 54
First Revised Sheet No. 55, Cancels Original Sheet No. 55
First Revised Sheet No. 61, Cancels Original Sheet No. 61
First Revised Sheet No. 82, Cancels Original Sheet No. 82

2. This order shall become effective on April 15, 2008.

3. This case shall close on April 16, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of April, 2008.