

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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Utility's       )  
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing.    )

**Case No. GR-2012-0115**  
YG-2012-0158

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Recommendation, states as follows:

1. On October 14, 2011, Missouri Gas Utility (MGU) filed two tariff sheets bearing an effective date of November 1, 2011.
2. On October 17, 2011 the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing Of Recommendation* ordering Staff to file its recommendation on the tariff sheets no later than October 21, 2011.
3. On October 20, 2011, MGU filed a substitute tariff sheet to correct a miscalculation of the Northern System's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor. The Staff has completed its review of MGU's tariff filings.
4. These tariff sheets were filed to reflect downward changes in MGU's PGA factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming heating season of November 2011 through March 2012. MGU requests the tariff sheets go into effect on November 1, 2011.
5. Case No. GR-2012-0115, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2010-2011 ACA (Actual Cost Adjustment) filing.

6. For reasons more fully explained in Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein for all purposes, the PGA factor rate changes should be approved on an interim, subject to refund status, pending final Commission decision in this case, GR-2012-0115.

7. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated by MGU's Commission approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends that the PGA tariff sheets, filed on October 14, 2011, and as substituted on October 20, 2011, be approved, interim subject to refund.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons explained in Staff's Memorandum, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve MGU's tariff sheets in File No. YG-2012-0158, interim subject to refund, effective on November 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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