

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.'s  
Purchased Gas Adjustment

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**File No. GR-2009-0306**  
Tariff No. YG-2009-0627

## **ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES**

Issue Date: March 11, 2009

Effective Date: March 16, 2009

On March 2, 2009, Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. (MGU or Company) of Littleton, Colorado, filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective March 16, 2009. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect changes in MGU's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of an estimated change in the cost of natural gas.

Implementation of the tariff rates result in changes in gas costs in the following MGU PGA area:

1. For the MGU system (serving communities such as Hamilton and Gallatin), the net effect of this filing will decrease the PGA rate factor from the current PGA factor of \$0.8816 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) to \$0.6796 per Ccf. A residential customer's bill is expected to be approximately \$24 lower over the remaining winter season than under the previously filed rate, or an approximate 14% decrease.

The Commission's Staff filed its Memorandum and Recommendation on March 9, 2009. In its Memorandum and Recommendation, Staff supports the change in the costs and supports Commission approval and incorporation of the change in rates, in that any rate change at this time is subject to true-up in the ACA process. Staff notes

that good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, therefore, the Commission may permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in ACA File Nos. GR-2009-0161 and GR-2009-0306.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission-approved PGA Clause. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on March 16, 2009, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in ACA File Nos. GR-2009-0161 and GR-2009-0306.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The proposed tariff sheet filed on March 2, 2009, by Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in ACA File Nos. GR-2009-0161 and GR-2009-0306, for service rendered on and after March 16, 2009. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 1**

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**6th Revised Sheet No. 51, Canceling 5th Revised Sheet No. 51**

2. This order shall become effective on March 16, 2009.

3. This file may be closed on March 17, 2009.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri  
on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009