

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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**CASE NO: GR-99-392**

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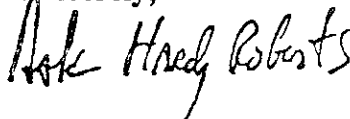
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**Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

In the matter of Associated Natural Gas                    )  
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment factors            )  
to be reviewed in its 1998-1999 Actual                    )  
Cost Adjustment.    )

Case No. GR-99-392

**ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES**

Associated Natural Gas Company. (ANG or Company), a division of Arkansas Western Gas Company of Fayetteville, Arkansas, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on October 15, 1999, carrying an effective date of November 1, 1999.

The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in ANG's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season. Additionally, the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA), Transition Cost (TC), and Refund factors changed.

For ANG's Butler District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 1999-2000 winter season to \$0.37454 per Ccf from summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.29136 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 28.5% increase in gas costs to consumers.

For ANG's Kirksville District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 1999-2000 winter season to \$0.44061 per Ccf from summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.29924 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 47.2% increase in gas costs to consumers.

For ANG's Southeast Missouri (SEMO) District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 1999-2000 winter season to \$0.44647 per Ccf from summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.38368 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 16.4% increase in gas costs to consumers.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in ANG's PGA factors were calculated in conformance

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with the Company's approved PGA Clause. The Staff stated that ANG's PGA Clause allows for ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective November 1, 1999, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in ANG's ACA Case Nos. GR-97-191, GR-98-399 and GR-99-392. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before August 1, 2000.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet, Staff's recommendation and request, and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11) RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be allowed to become effective on and after the requested effective date, November 1, 1999, interim subject to refund.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the tariff sheet submitted October 15, 1999, by Associated Natural Gas Company, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on November 1, 1999. The tariff sheet approved is:

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2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of this ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before August 1, 2000.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of  
authority pursuant to 4 CSR  
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)  
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.

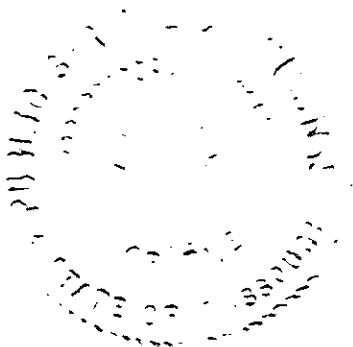
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STATE OF MISSOURI  
 OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and  
 I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson  
 City,

Missouri, this 28th day of October, 1999.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts  
 Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge