

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: GR-2000-425

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

Sincerely,



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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be) Case No. GR-2000-425
Reviewed in Its 1999-2000 Actual Cost) Tariff No. 200100451
Adjustment.)

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) filed a tariff sheet with the Commission on October 17, 2000, carrying an effective date of November 1, 2000. On October 27, 2000, MGE filed a substitute tariff sheet. The tariff sheet reflects scheduled changes in MGE's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of gas for the upcoming winter heating season. Additionally, the proposed tariff sheet reflects changes in MGE's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA), Refund and Transition Cost factors.

On October 30, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its Memorandum and Recommendation in this case. Staff recommends that MGE's proposed tariff sheet be approved for service on and after November 1, 2000, as an interim rate, subject to refund. Staff further advises the Commission that MGE has shown good cause such that its tariff sheet should be approved on less than 30 days notice.

The effect of the tariff sheet is to increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter heating season to \$0.68056 per Ccf from the 1999-2000 winter heating season PGA factor of \$0.53599. MGE

did not file a summer PGA factor change. Staff states that MGE's proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with MGE's PGA Clause. Staff further states that MGE's PGA Clause allows for ten business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes and that, under the circumstances, good cause exists to approve the proposed tariff sheet on less than 30 days notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective November 1, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in Case Nos. GR-96-450, GR-98-167, GR-99-304, and GR-2001-425. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given permission to submit its results and recommendation regarding information included in this ACA filing to the Commission on or before December 1, 2001.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet, the substitute sheet, and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission finds that the tariff sheet, as amended, 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 concludes that the tariff sheet, as amended, should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on October 17, 2000, by Missouri Gas Energy is approved on an interim basis, subject to

refund, for service rendered on and after November 1, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

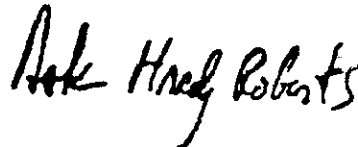
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2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before December 1, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31st day of October, 2000.

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Murray, Commissioner

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Schemenauer, Commissioner

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Simmons, Commissioner

PGA Order
- please expedite.
Must be reviewed
10-31-00.

OK

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 31st day of Oct. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

