STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY July 18, 2000

CASE NO: GR-2000-520

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

Sincerely,

Hale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Public Service's)

Purchased Gas Adjustment factors to be reviewed) Case No. GR-2000-520 in its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

ORDER GRANTING ONE-TIME WAIVER REQUEST AND APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Missouri Public Service (MPS or Company) of Kansas City, Missouri, submitted tariff sheets to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on July 5, 2000, carrying an effective date of July 18, 2000. On July 12, 2000, MPS filed substitute tariff sheets to correct typographical errors. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect unscheduled changes in MPS's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the remainder of the summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October.

The effect of these changes for the Company's Southern System will increase the firm PGA factor for the remaining 2000 summer season to \$0.48226 per Ccf from the scheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.33481 per Ccf.

The effect of these changes for the Company's Northern System will increase the firm PGA factor for the remaining 2000 summer season to \$0.59872 per Ccf from the scheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.44655 per Ccf.

The effect of Lese changes for the Company Eastern System will increase the firm PGA factor for the remaining 2000 summer season to \$0.77026 per Ccf from the unscheduled winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.66062 per Ccf. The PGA factors for the Eastern System did not change in the last scheduled summer PGA filing.

In conjunction with the tariff sheets, MPS filed an APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE AND AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT UNSCHEDULED SUMMER PGA AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT (Application). The Application requests a one-time waiver from the PGA Clause of MPS's tariff due to escalations in the market price of gas since its scheduled summer PGA filing.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum which recommended that MPS's Application filed on July 5, 2000, be granted and the tariff sheets be approved, interim subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in MPS's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) Case Nos. GR-99-435 and GR-2000-520.

The Commission has reviewed the Application, the tariff sheets, as substituted, and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the Application should be granted. 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 sheets, as substituted, should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of July 18, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application submitted on July 5, 2000, by Missouri Public Service of Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of requesting a one-time waiver from its current PGA clause to allow an

unscheduled summer has filing be, and it is, hereby granted.

2. That the tariff sheets submitted on July 5, 2000, and as substituted on July 12, 2000, by Missouri Public Service of Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for natural gas be, and they are, hereby approved to become effective on July 18, 2000, interim subject to refund. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5

19th Revised SHEET NO. 43 Cancelling 18th Revised SHEET NO. 43 22nd Revised SHEET NO. 44 Cancelling 21st Revised SHEET NO. 44 12th Revised SHEET NO. 44.1 Cancelling 11th Revised SHEET NO. 44.1

3. That this order shall become effective on July 18, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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(SEAL)

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 18th day of July, 2000.

ALJ/Sec'y: Bill Hopkins

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Murray, Commissioner

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Must Vote Not Later Than

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 18th day of July 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge