

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

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CASE NO: GR-99-392

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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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Associated Natural Gas)	
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment)	<u>Case No. GR-99-392</u>
Factors to be Reviewed in its 1998-1999)	
Actual Cost Adjustment)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On March 15, 1999, this case was established in connection with the filing on the same day by Associated Natural Gas Company (ANG) of a proposed tariff sheet with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission).

On June 30, 2000, the Procurement Analysis Department of the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum indicating that Staff had reviewed the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing of ANG.

Staff referred the Commission to the record established in ACA Case Nos. GR-96-227 (ANG's 1995-1996 ACA filing) and GR-97-191 (ANG's 1996-1997 ACA filing) wherein Staff, ANG, and the Office of the Public Counsel fully litigated the issue of ANG's receiving a double recovery of all LNG and NGPL non-S2 gas withdrawn from storage during the 1995-1996 and 1996-1997 ACA periods. Staff noted that in its Report and Order in both Case No. GR-96-227 and Case No. GR-97-191, the Commission adopted the Staff's proposed storage withdrawal adjustment. Case No. GR-96-227 and Case No. GR-97-191 are currently under appeal, Staff stated.

In its memorandum, Staff requested, *inter alia*, that the Commission approve the (over)/under recovered ACA, Transition Cost, Take-or-Pay (TOP), and Refund balances in the third column of the table shown below [which includes the total of the Commission ordered storage withdrawal adjustments in ACA Case No. GR-96-227 (\$254,476) and ACA Case No. GR-97-191 (\$382,162)].

	Balance per ANG Filing	Staff Adjustments	Ending ACA Balances
SEMO District: Firm ACA	\$ (64,688)	\$ (578,296)	\$ (642,984)
Interruptible ACA	\$ 102,167	\$ (58,342)	\$ 43,825
Firm Refund	\$ (43,523)	\$ 0	\$ (43,523)
Interruptible Refund	\$ (3,106)	\$ 0	\$ (3,106)
Transition Cost	\$ (7,175)	\$ 0	\$ (7,175)
Transportation TOP Cost	\$ 79,100	\$ 0	\$ 79,100
Transportation Transition Cost	\$ 139,375	\$ 0	\$ 139,375
Kirksville District: Firm ACA	\$ 22,729	\$ 0	\$ 22,729
Interruptible ACA	\$ 52,124	\$ 0	\$ 52,124
Firm Refund	\$ (37,153)	\$ 0	\$ (37,153)
Interruptible Refund	\$ (4,506)	\$ 0	\$ (4,506)
Transportation TOP Cost	\$ 10,095	\$ 0	\$ 10,095
Transportation Transition Cost	\$ 8,406	\$ 0	\$ 8,406
Butler District: Firm ACA	\$ (90,771)	\$ 0	\$ (90,771)
Interruptible ACA	\$ (13,388)	\$ 0	\$ (13,388)
Firm Refund	\$ 7,949	\$ 0	\$ 7,949

	Balance per ANG Filing	Staff Adjustments	Ending ACA Balances
Interruptible Refund	\$ 6,547	\$ 0	\$ 6,547
Transition Cost	\$ 4,357	\$ 0	\$ 4,357

The Commission has reviewed the official case file and the memorandum filed by Staff and determines that ANG shall file a response to Staff's recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Associated Natural Gas Company shall file a response to the recommendation of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission no later than September 8, 2000.
2. That this order shall become effective on August 21, 2000.

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
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of August, 2000.

**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 9th day of Aug. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

