STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY March 3, 2000

CASE NO: GR-2000-520

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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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 APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Missouri Public Service (MPS or Company) of Kansas City, Missouri, submitted a tariff sheet to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on February 23, 2000, carrying an effective date of March 8, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect an unscheduled change in MPS's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors in its Eastern System as the result of changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the remaining winter season. The winter season includes the months of November through March.

The effect of these changes for the Company's Eastern System will increase the firm PGA factor for the remaining 1999-2000 winter season to \$0.66062 per Ccf from the scheduled winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.61489 per Ccf.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in MPS's PGA factors were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective on March 8, 2000. Staff stated that MPS'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 March 8, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in MPS's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) Case Nos. GR-98-421, GR-99-435, and GR-2000-520.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to its 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 approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of March 8, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on February 23, 2000 by Missouri Public Service of Kansas City, Missouri, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on March 8, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

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2. That this order shall become effective on March 8, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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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 3rd day of March, 2000.

ALJ/Secy: Dill Hoopkins

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Murray, Commissioner

Schemenauer, Commissioner

Drainer, Vice-Chair

Action taken:

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 3rd day of March 2000.

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Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge