

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 30, 2002**

CASE NO: GR-99-392

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**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

This order directs the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and Associated Natural Gas Company to file a pleading outlining issues in a contemplated new case.

This is an ACA case, involving the 1998-1999 ACA period (September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999). No procedural schedule has been established. The parties to this case are Associated, Atmos Energy Corporation (who is in this case because Associated sold its Missouri properties to Atmos, effective June 1, 2000), the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel.

The parties filed their first amended settlement and agreement and release on November 2, 2001, which was approved by the Commission on November 27, 2001.

Associated filed its report on January 22, 2002, stating that it had complied with all of its obligations under the settlement approved by the Commission and requested that the Commission issue certain orders in this case which were contemplated by the settlement.

Two of the orders requested by Associated were ones which:

- a) separate the issues relating to Associated's natural gas purchasing from issues relating to a "peak day study" or reliability of gas supplies on the system now owned and operated by Atmos; and
- b) create a new case into which it transfers the Atmos issues.

The Commission will require Staff and Associated to file a pleading, either jointly or separately, setting forth exactly what "the Atmos issues" are. The Commission will then use this information when it creates a new case into which it transfers the Atmos issues, if such a new case is necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and Associated Natural Gas Company must file a pleading in compliance with this order by February 6, 2002.

2. That the Office of the Public Counsel may, but is not required to, file a response to the pleading filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and Associated Natural Gas Company, by February 13, 2002.

3. That all pleadings must be filed in paper form. After the paper copies of the pleadings are properly filed, however, all parties are also encouraged to file copies of their pleadings electronically. Electronically-submitted documents may be provided on computer disk or submitted by e-mail to the law judge at bhopkins@mail.state.mo.us in a file saved in Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII format with an extension of *.doc, *.wpd, or *.txt. (Copies of exhibits, attachments, schedules, etc., need not be sent electronically; only pleadings should be sent electronically.)

4. That this order will become effective on January 30, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of January, 2002.

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 30th day of Jan. 2002 .

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

