# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY November 23, 1999

CASE NO: GR-2000-319

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

Sincerely,

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

### OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

in the Matter of Greeley Gas Company's	)		
Purchased Gas Adjustment factors to be reviewed	)	Case No.	GR-2000-319
in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment.	)		

#### ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Greeley Gas Company (Greeley or Company), a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation, of Dallas, Texas, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on November 4, 1999, carrying an effective date of December 1, 1999. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in Greeley's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season. The winter season includes the months of November through March. Additionally, this tariff filing reflects changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) and Refund factors.

The effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 1999-2000 winter season to \$0.3123 per Ccf from the 1998-1999 winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.3393 per Ccf. Greeley did not file a 1999 summer PGA factor change. This represents an approximate 8% decrease in gas costs to consumers.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the change in Greeley's PGA was calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause and recommends that the Commission approve



the tariff sheet to become effective on December 1, 1999. Staff stated that Greeley's PGA Clause allows for a minimum of ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective December 1, 1999 on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in Case No. GR-2000-319. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before May 1, 2000.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet, Staff's recommendation and request, and finds that the tariff sheet 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 finds that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of December 1, 1999, interim subject to refund.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on November 4, 1999, by Greeley Gas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on December 1, 1999. The tariff sheet approved is:

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- 2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of this ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before May 1, 2000.
  - 3. That this order shall become effective on December 1, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Morris Woodruff, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 1999.

ALJ/Sec'y: WOODRUFF

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Agenda Date

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 23rd day of November 1999.

**Dale Hardy Roberts** 

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge