STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY January 25, 2000

CASE NO: GR-2000-392

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Enclosed find certified copy of an 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 United Cities Gas Company's)		
tariff revisions designed to be reviewed in)	Case No.	GR-2000-392
its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment for the)		
Missouri service area of the Company.	}		

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM PALMYRA DISTRICT RATES

United Cities Gas Company (United) of Franklin, Tennessee, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on December 29, 1999, carrying an effective date of February 1, 2000. The tariff sheet is designed to change Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors for its Palmyra District as a result of a decrease in the spot market gas cost. The effect of these changes will decrease United's annualized revenues by approximately \$149,100. The impact on a typical residential space-heating customer using 217 Ccf of natural gas in the month of February will be a decrease of \$17.40, or 13.1%.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the change in United's PGA was calculated in conformance with its approved PGA Clause and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective on February 1, 2000. Staff recommended that the tariff sheet submitted in this filing be approved, interim subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-99-280 and GR-2000-392.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet should be allowed to become effective on and after the requested effective date, February 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on December 29, 1999, by United Cities Gas Company of Franklin, Tennessee, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for natural gas in its Palmyra District, be, and it is, hereby approved to become effective on and after February 1, 2000, interim subject to refund. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 3
53rd Revised Sheet No. 48.1 Cancelling 52nd Revised Sheet No. 48.1

2. That this order shall become effective on February 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief 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 $25^{\rm th}$ day of January, 2000.

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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 <u>25TH</u> day of January 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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