

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
April 14, 2000**

CASE NO: GR-2000-520

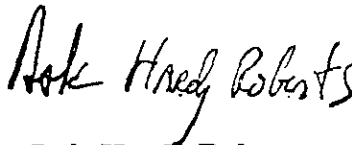
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

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**

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 tariff sheets to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on April 5, 2000, carrying an effective date of April 18, 2000. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect scheduled changes in MPS's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October. Additionally, the Refund factor in the Southern System is modified to reflect the implementation of refunds received by the Company.

The effect of the change for the area served by the Southern System will decrease the firm PGA factor for the summer season to \$0.33481 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.36523 per Ccf.

The effect of the change for the area served by the Northern System will increase the firm PGA factor for the summer season to \$0.44655 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.41366 per Ccf.

For the Eastern System the Company requested a one-time waiver to allow its PGA remain at the current unscheduled winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.61489 per Ccf through the upcoming summer season to preclude significant under-collection of its gas costs.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in MPS's PGA factors, except for the waiver request, were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets to become effective on April 18, 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 sheets to become effective April 18, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in MPS's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) Case Nos. GR-99-435 and GR-2000-520. Staff also recommends the Commission grant MPS a one-time waiver to maintain the unscheduled winter PGA factor through the upcoming summer season for its Eastern System.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets, Company's waiver request, and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the tariff sheets, other than the waiver request, conform to its Commission-approved PGA Clause and are 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 sheets should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of April 18, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheets submitted on April 5, 2000 by Missouri Public Service of Kansas City, Missouri, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on April 18, 2000. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5

18th Revised SHEET NO. 43 Cancelling 17th Revised SHEET NO. 43
21st Revised SHEET NO. 44 Cancelling 20th Revised SHEET NO. 44

2. That MPS is granted a one-time waiver to maintain the unscheduled winter season PGA factor for its Eastern System through the upcoming summer season.

3. That this order shall become effective on April 18, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, 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 14 day of April, 2000.

ALJ/Sec'y: P. J. Hopkins
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Lumpe, Chair
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Crumpton, Commissioner
EW
Murray, Commissioner
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Schemenauer, Commissioner
JD
Drainer, Vice-Chair

N/A
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 14th day of April 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

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