

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
December 12, 2001**

CASE NO: GR-98-399

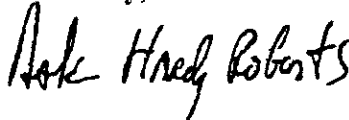
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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing 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-98-399</u>
Factors to be Reviewed in its 1997-1998)	
Actual Cost Adjustment)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

In a First Amended Settlement Agreement and Release filed November 2, 2001, and approved by the Commission in an order issued November 27, the parties agreed, *inter alia*, as follows:

Case No. GR-98-399. As noted, this case is pending at the Commission and there is no procedural schedule. Within thirty (30) days after this Agreement is approved by a final, effective non-appealable Commission order, and conditioned upon the payment by ANG of the Lump Sum Payment(s) described in **section 1.8 hereof**, and ANG's performance of the other conditions of this Agreement, the parties recommend that the Commission issue an order which acknowledges this Agreement, recites that all of the issues presented in Case No. GR-98-399, or which could have been presented in that case, have been fully compromised by this Agreement, and unconditionally closes Case No. GR-98-399. As a condition for entering into this Agreement, each party is relying upon the Commission to issue an order in conformance with these provisions. Each Party agrees not to file an application for rehearing to such order. Without limiting the scope or effect of the release described in section 2 hereof, each Party hereby acknowledges that an effect of this Agreement is to preclude it from proposing, determining or implementing any disallowances, credits or refunds at the expense of ANG which relate to ANG's gas costs arising out of its operations in Missouri during the period of September 1, 1997 through August 31, 1998.

The Commission's order approving the settlement became final and non-appealable on December 7. In order to know when this case may be closed, the Commission will need to know when Associated Natural Gas Company has paid the Lump Sum Payment and fulfilled the other conditions of the settlement. The Commission's Staff will be directed to so inform the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Commission shall file with the Commission a pleading informing the Commission when Associated Natural Gas Company has paid the Lump Sum Payment and fulfilled the other conditions of the settlement.
2. That this order shall become effective on December 22, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

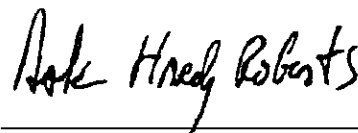
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of December, 2001.

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 12th day of Dec. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

