# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY April 21, 2000

CASE NO: GR-2000-392

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

Sincerely,

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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 Revision Designed to be Reviewed	)
in its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment	) Case No. GR-2000-392
for the Missouri Service Area of the Company	Í

#### ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

United Cities Gas Company (United or Company) of Franklin, Tennessee, submitted five tariff sheets to the Commission on April 3, 2000, carrying an effective date of May 1, 2000. On April 13, 2000, United filed a substitute tariff sheet to correct an error. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect scheduled changes in United'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. This filing will also eliminate the PGA factor summary tariff sheets that were used for the canceled PGA Clause.

The effect of these changes for the Bowling Green District will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000 summer season to \$0.4206 per Ccf from a firm PGA factor of \$0.3984 per Ccf used in the canceled PGA Clause.

The effect of these changes for the Hannibal/Canton District will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2000 summer season to \$0.3323 per Ccf from a firm PGA factor of \$0.3521 per Ccf used in the canceled PGA Clause.

The effect of these changes for the Palmyra District will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2000 summer season to \$0.3914 per Ccf from a firm PGA factor of \$0.4112 per Ccf used in the canceled PGA Clause.

The effect of these changes for the Neelyville District will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000 summer season to \$0.3091 per Ccf from a firm PGA factor of \$0.2911 per Ccf used in the canceled PGA Clause.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in United's PGA were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause. Staff stated that United'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 sheets to become effective May 1, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-99-280 and GR-2000-392.



The Commissio has reviewed the tariff heets and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the tariff sheets conform to the Company's 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, as substituted, should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of May 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheets submitted on April 3, 2000, as substituted on April 13,2000, by United Cities Gas Company, of Franklin, Tennessee, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on May 1, 2000. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 3
6th Revised SHEET No. 58, Cancelling 5th Revised SHEET No. 58
86th Revised SHEET No. 46, Cancelling 85th Revised SHEET No. 46
87th Revised SHEET No. 47, Cancelling 86th Revised SHEET No. 47
89th Revised SHEET No. 48, Cancelling 88th Revised SHEET No. 48
56th Revised SHEET No. 48.1, Cancelling 55th Revised SHEET No. 48.1

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

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Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2000.

ALJ/Sec'y: LEWIS MUSS

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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  $21^{st}$  day of April 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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