

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
March 28, 2000**

**CASE NO: GR-2000-573**

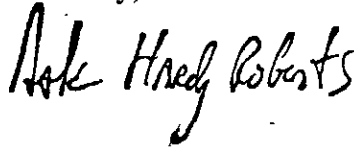
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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, 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 factors	)	Case No. GR-2000-573
to be reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual	)	
Cost Adjustment.	)	

**ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES**

Associated Natural Gas Company (ANG or Company), a division of Arkansas Western Gas Company of Fayetteville, Arkansas, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on March 15, 2000, carrying an effective date of April 1, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in ANG's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season.

For ANG's Butler District, the effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2000 summer season to \$0.36248 per Ccf from the winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.37454 per Ccf.

For ANG's Kirksville District, the effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2000 summer season to \$0.41375 per Ccf from the winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.44061 per Ccf.

For ANG's Southeast Missouri (SEMO) District, the effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2000 summer season to \$0.43721 per Ccf from the winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.44647 per Ccf.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in ANG's PGA factors were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause. The Staff stated that ANG's PGA Clause allows for ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective April 1, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-98-399, GR-99-392 and GR-2000-573.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet, 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, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11) RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be allowed to become effective on and after the requested effective date, April 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the tariff sheet submitted March 15, 2000, by Associated Natural Gas Company, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on April 1, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

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19th revised Sheet No. 16T, Cancelling 18th revised Sheet No. 16T

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

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Keith Thornburg, 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 28th this day of March, 2000.

ALJ/Sec'y: Keith Thornburg  
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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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts  
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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge