

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: GR-2000-573

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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

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| In the Matter of Atmos Energy |) | |
| Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment |) | <u>Case No. GR-2000-573</u> |
| Factors to be Reviewed in Its 1999-2000 |) | Tariff No. 200100458 |
| Actual Cost Adjustment. |) | |

ORDER CHANGING CASE STYLE
AND APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company) filed a tariff sheet with the Commission on October 18, 2000, with an effective date of November 1, 2000. The tariff sheet reflects scheduled changes in Atmos's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter heating season. A substitute tariff sheet was filed on October 23, 2000, showing a further modification in the PGA factors for the Company's SEMO District. Additionally, the proposed tariff sheet reflects changes in the Company's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA), Transition Cost (TC) and Refund factors.

Atmos purchased the Missouri properties of the former Associated Natural Gas Company, a division of Arkansas Western Gas Company of Fayetteville, Arkansas, in a transaction approved by the Commission in Case No. GM-2000-312 effective June 1, 2000. Accordingly, the style of this case will be changed by the Commission to reflect the change in ownership.

On October 25, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its Memorandum and Recommendation in this case. Staff recommends that Company's proposed tariff sheet be approved for service on and after November 1, 2000, as interim rates, subject to refund. Staff further advises the Commission that the Company has shown good cause such that its tariff sheet should be approved on less than 30 days notice and that the effective date of the tariff should be November 1, 2000.

For the Company's Butler District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.70837 per Ccf from an unscheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.55439 per Ccf.

For the Company's Kirksville District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.76588 per Ccf from an unscheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.59917 per Ccf.

For the Company's SEMO District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.78282 per Ccf from an unscheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.62001 per Ccf.

Staff states that Company's proposed changes were calculated in conformity with the Company's PGA Clause. Staff further states that Company's PGA Clause allows for ten business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes and that, under the circumstances, good cause exists to approve the proposed tariff sheet on less than 30 days notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet

to become effective November 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 proposed tariff sheet and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission 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 concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

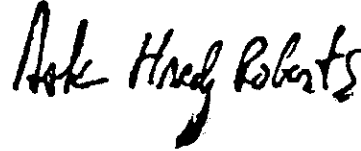
1. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on October 18, 2000, and as substituted on October 23, 2000, by Atmos Energy Corporation, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 1, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6
21st Revised Sheet No. 16T, Canceling 20th Revised Sheet No. 16T

2. That the Commission's Records Department shall conform the style of this case to reflect the style shown above.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1,
2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

(S E A L)

Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of October, 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 30th day of Oct. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

