

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
July 31, 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 dark ink, appearing to read "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 Atmos Energy Corporation's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment factors to be) Case No. GR-2000-573
reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual)
Cost Adjustment.)

ORDER GRANTING ONE-TIME WAIVER REQUEST AND APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos or Company), of Franklin, Tennessee, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on July 17, 2000, carrying an effective date of August 1, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect unscheduled changes in Atmos's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the remainder of the summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October.

For Atmos's Butler District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor from \$0.36248 per Ccf to \$0.55439 per Ccf for the remainder of the summer season.

For Atmos's Kirksville District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor from \$0.41375 per Ccf to \$0.59917 per Ccf for the remainder of the summer season.

For Atmos's Southeast Missouri (SEMO) District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor from \$0.43721 per Ccf to \$0.62001 per Ccf for the remainder of the summer season.

In conjunction with this tariff sheet, Atmos filed a REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM TARIFF PROVISIONS (Motion). The Motion requests a one-time waiver from

the PGA Clause of Atmos's tariff due to escalations in the market price of gas since its scheduled summer PGA filing.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum which recommended that Atmos's Motion filed on July 17, 2000, be granted and that the tariff sheet also submitted on July 17, 2000 be approved, interim 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 Motion, the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the Motion should be granted. 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 approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date, August 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion submitted on July 17, 2000, by Atmos Energy Corporation, of Franklin, Tennessee, for the purpose of requesting a one-time waiver from its current PGA clause to allow an unscheduled summer PGA filing be, and it is, hereby granted.


2. That the tariff sheet submitted on July 17, 2000, by Atmos Energy Corporation, of Franklin, Tennessee, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for natural gas be, and it is, hereby, approved to become effective on and after August 1, 2000, interim subject to refund. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6

20th revised Sheet No. 16T, Cancelling 19th revised Sheet No. 16T

3. That this order shall become effective on August 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 this 31st day of July, 2000.

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ALJ/Sec'y: Thornburg

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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 31st day of July 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

