

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 16th day of
April, 2002.

In the Matter of Proposed Rulemaking Concerning)
Mitigation of Natural Gas Price Volatility) **Case No. GX-2002-478**

ORDER FINDING NECESSITY FOR RULEMAKING

On April 5, 2002, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion asking that the Commission make a finding of necessity for a rulemaking regarding mitigation of natural gas price volatility. Staff wishes to propose a rule that will implement the recommendations of a Natural Gas Commodity Price Task Force that was established by the Commission to examine the issue of natural gas price volatility.

Section 536.016, RSMo 2000, requires a state agency to find that a proposed rule is necessary to carry out the purposes of the statute that granted the rulemaking authority based on substantial evidence on the record. Based on the record, including the affidavit submitted by Staff, the Commission finds that the proposed rulemaking is necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 393.130, RSMo 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission will proceed to implement the recommendations of the Natural Gas Commodity Price Task Force by following the applicable procedures of administrative rulemaking with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.

2. That this order will become effective on April 26, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Simmons, Ch., Murray, Lumpe, Gaw and Forbis, CC., concur

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge