

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
November 20, 2000**

CASE NO: GR-2000-392

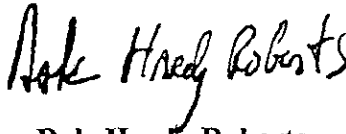
Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 7800
Jefferson City, MO 65102

General Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Mark A. Martin, Senior Analyst
United Cities Gas
810 Crescent Centre Drive, Suite 600
Franklin, TN 37067-6226

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, slightly slanted style.

**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)	<u>Case No. GR-2000-392</u>
Company's Gas Adjustment Factors)	Tariff No. 200100519
to be Reviewed in Its 1999-2000)	Tariff No. 200100520
Actual Cost Adjustment)	

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

United Cities Gas Company (UCG or Company) filed tariff sheets with the Commission on November 3, 2000, with an effective date of December 1, 2000. The tariff sheets reflect scheduled changes in UCG's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter heating season.

On November 9, 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 December 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 December 1, 2000.

For the Company's Palmyra District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the remainder of the winter season to \$0.8050 per Ccf from a summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.5557 per Ccf.

For the Company's Bowling Green District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the remainder of the winter season to \$0.7006 per Ccf from a summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.5849 per Ccf.

For the Company's Hannibal/Canton District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the remainder of the winter season to \$0.6861 per Ccf from a summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.4966 per Ccf.

For the Company's Neelyville District, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the remainder of the winter season to \$0.7675 per Ccf from a summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.5126 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 December 1, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-99-280 and GR-2000-392.

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 December 1, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on November 3, 2000, by United Cities Gas Company, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after December 1, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 3
8th Revised Sheet No. 58, Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 58

2. That this order shall become effective on November 30, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of November, 2000.

FYI: To Be Issued By Delegation

ALJ/Sec'y: Mills/Bayer

11-15 Date Circulated 11-20 Return by 3 p.m. 109m

CR-2000-392
CASE NO.

~~absent~~ absent

Lumpé, Chair

ad
Drainer, Vice Chair

CM
Murray, Commissioner

ST
Schemenauer, Commissioner

KS
Simmons, Commissioner

STATE OF MISSOURI

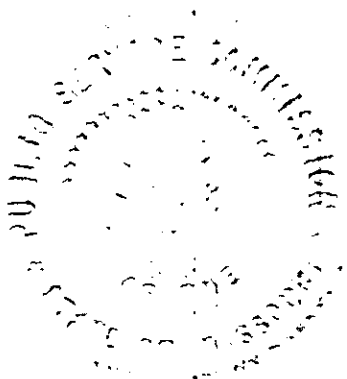
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 20th day of Nov. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge