At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 30th day of October, 1996.

In the	Matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's	)		
Tariff	Sheets to be Reviewed in Its 1993-1994	)	Case No. GR-94-189	
Actual	Cost Adjustment.	)		
In the	Matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's	)		
Tariff	Revisions to be Reviewed in Its 1995-1996	)	Case No. GR-96-227	,
Actual	Cost Adjustment.	)		

## ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Associated Natural Gas Company (ANG or Company) of Fayetteville, Arkansas, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on October 21, 1996, carrying an effective date of November 1, 1996. The tariff sheet is designed to change the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors due to revisions of the annual Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors for each of its three Missouri Districts, the Take-or-Pay (TOP) factors for its Butler and Kirksville Districts, the Transition Cost (TC) factors for its Butler and SEMO Districts, and the Refund factor for Interruptible Sales in its SEMO District. This filing will also comply with the provisions of the Commission's October 25, 1996 Report and Order (Order) issued in GR-94-189.

These changes collectively will have the net effect of increasing revenues in the Butler District by \$204,000, decreasing revenues in the Kirksville District by \$359,000, and decreasing revenues in the SEMO District by \$2,784,000. The impact on a typical residential space heating customer using 97 Ccfs of natural gas in the month of November will be an increase of \$4.69, or 8.1% in the Butler District, a decrease of \$3.58 or

7.1% in the Kirksville District, and a decrease of \$5.75 or 10.5% in the SEMO District.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) recommended the tariff sheet submitted in this filing be approved, interim subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-96-227, GR-95-213, GR-94-189 and GR-93-169. Also, Staff requested permission for the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department to submit its results and recommendations regarding the data contained in this filing on or before August 1, 1997.

After considering Staff's recommendation and request, 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, November 1, 1996, interim subject to refund.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheet submitted on October 21, 1996, by Associated Natural Gas Company of Fayetteville, Arkansas, for the purpose of complying with the Commission's Order and to reflect changes in the PGA factors as a result of revisions to the annual ACA factors, Take-or-Pay factors, Transition Cost factors, and the Refund factor, be, and it is, hereby approved to become effective on and after November 1, 1996, interim subject to refund.

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2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of this ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before August 1, 1997.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION

Cecil I. Wright Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., Kincheloe, Crumpton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.

McClure, C., Absent.