

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
June 15, 2000**

CASE NO: GR-2000-319

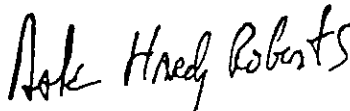
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts", written in a cursive style.

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

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 15th
day of June, 2000.

In the Matter of Greeley Gas Company's)	
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be)	<u>Case No. GR-2000-319</u>
Reviewed in Its 1998-1999 Actual Cost)	
Adjustment)	

ORDER REQUIRING ADJUSTMENT OF ACA BALANCE

This case was opened for the purpose of receiving the 1998-99 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing of Greeley Gas Company (Greeley) for its Southwest Missouri District. On May 1, 2000, the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation and memorandum indicating that Staff has reviewed the 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing of Greeley. Staff stated that it audited the billed revenues and actual gas costs for the period of June 1998 to May 1999, included in the Company's computation of the ACA rate.

Staff proposed the following:

1. That Greeley reduce gas costs by \$16,866 to eliminate state line fees that are not allowed in Missouri;
2. That Greeley apply the Staff adjusted Williams Natural Gas (WNG) storage, WNG transportation and gas commodity charges that reduce the cost of gas by \$44,599 (\$18,765 + \$23,146 + \$2,688);

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3. That Greeley adopt Staff's revised storage inventory schedule that results in less withdrawals and reduced gas costs of \$1,219;
4. That Greeley adopt the Staff adjusted Gas Supply Realignment (GSR) costs of \$3,636 for the months of June 1998 through May 1999. This reflects a \$2,019 decrease in the cost of gas;
5. That Greeley reduce the refund amount due to its customers by \$2,828. This reflects a factor change from (\$.0293) to (\$.024). This change does not affect the ACA balance;
6. Greeley's billing system change during this ACA period made Staff's analysis of Company's peak day information more difficult. In future ACA periods, Staff recommends that Greeley explain how adjustments are reflected in the billing cycle and also explain the timing effects of the adjustments;
7. Staff conducted a reliability study that analyzes current capacity levels, capacity releases, and peak day forecasting methodology used by the Company. Staff's recommendations are included in the "Reliability Study" section of its ACA recommendation.

Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order requiring Greeley to adjust the ACA balance in its next ACA filing by \$64,703, from \$17,541 over-recovery balance to \$82,244 over-recovery balance to reflect the adjustments set out in the following table:

	Balance per Greeley Filing	Staff Adjustments	ACA Balance Per Staff
Prior ACA Balance	(\$25,249)	\$0	(\$25,249)
Revenue Recovery	(\$168,029)	\$0	(\$168,029)
State Line Fees	\$16,866	(\$16,866)	\$0
GSR Costs	\$5,655	(\$2,019)	\$3,636
Storage Injection/Withdrawals.	\$7,038	(\$1,219)	\$5,819
WNG Storage/Transport & Gas	\$146,178	(\$44,599)	\$101,579
Total (Over)/Under-Recovery	(\$17,541)	(\$64,703)	(\$82,244)

Staff also recommended that the Commission order Greeley to reduce the refund balance owed by Greeley in its next ACA filing by \$2,828.

The Commission ordered Greeley to respond to Staff's recommendation no later than June 5, 2000. Greeley filed its response to Staff's recommendation on June 5. Greeley's response indicates that it has reviewed Staff's recommendations and concurs with them. However, Greeley neither concurs with nor disputes the methodology utilized by Staff in reaching its recommendations.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's recommendations and Greeley's response and concludes that Staff's recommendations should be implemented.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Greeley Gas Company shall adjust the ACA balance in its next ACA filing by \$64,703, from \$17,541 over-recovery balance to \$82,244 over-recovery balance to reflect the adjustments proposed by the Staff of the Commission.
2. That Greeley Gas Company shall reduce the refund balance owed by Greeley Gas Company in its next ACA filing by \$2,828.
3. That this order shall become effective on June 27, 2000.
4. That this case may be closed on June 28, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray, Schemenauer,
and Simmons, CC., concur

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y:

Woodruff/Boye

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Agenda Date

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Action taken:

5-OAS

Must Vote Not Later Than

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 15th day of June 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

