# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY November 6, 2001

CASE NO: GR-96-227; GR-99-392; GR-97-191; GR-98-399; GR-2000-573

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's Tariff Revisions to be Reviewed in its 1995-1996 Actual Cost Adjustment	) ) )	Case No. GR-96-227
In the matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's Tariff Revision to be Reviewed in its 1996-1997 Actual Cost Adjustment	) ) )	<u>Case No. GR-97-191</u>
In the matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Reviewed in its 1997-1998 Actual Cost Adjustment	) ) )	<u>Case No. GR-98-399</u>
In the matter of Associated Natural Gas Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Reviewed in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment	) )	<u>Case No. GR-99-392</u>
In the matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment to be Reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment	) :) )	Case No. GR-2000-573

## ORDER REGARDING REQUEST FOR WAIVER ON FILING REQUIREMENTS AS TO NUMBER OF COPIES

On October 19, 2001, all of the parties in the above-captioned cases filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission that stated that the parties intended to file an amended settlement with the Commission promptly after consulting with counsel for the Commission. The parties stated that since the Commission has issued a single order in all of the cases, even though they are not consolidated, the parties request a waiver for this and subsequent

pleadings and filings of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(8), which requires that any person filing a pleading must file with the Secretary of the Commission one original and eight copies of the pleading. The parties pointed out that it appears that the rule only results in the Commissioners getting five copies of the same document. Thus, the parties requested that in this and future filings, they be allowed to file 13 copies, i.e., one for each of the five separate cases, and then eight copies of that, instead of 45 copies which is the result of applying the Commission's rule.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.015(1) states that a rule may be waived by the Commission for good cause. The Commission finds that the parties have stated good cause in that it is practical that the Commission would need only 13 copies of the pleading rather than 45 copies. The request by the parties is reasonable, made in good faith, and will be granted.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(8) is waived in all of these cases so that any filings may be accomplished by filing thirteen copies of the filing.

2. That this order will become effective on November 6, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 6th day of November, 2001.

### 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  $6^{th}$  day of Nov. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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