

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

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CASE NO: GM-2000-312

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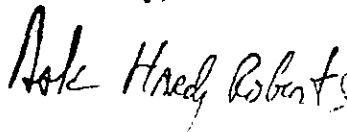
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
Atmos Energy Corporation and Arkansas)	
Western Gas Company, d/b/a Associated)	
Natural Gas Company, for an Order)	
Authorizing the Sale and Transfer of)	
Certain Assets of Associated Natural Gas)	
Company Located in Missouri to Atmos)	Case No. GM-2000-312
Energy Corporation and Either Authorizing)	Tariff No. 200000996
the Transfer of Existing Certificates of)	
Public Convenience and Necessity or)	
Granting a New Certificate of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity to Atmos Energy)	
Corporation in Conjunction with Same.)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF FILED IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER

On April 20, 2000, the Commission approved a unanimous stipulation and agreement filed by Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos), Arkansas Western Gas Company, d/b/a Associated Natural Gas Company (ANG), the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff), the Office of the Public Counsel, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1439, and Noranda Aluminum, Inc. The unanimous stipulation and agreement and the Commission's order approving that stipulation and agreement permitted Atmos to acquire the Missouri assets of ANG and granted Atmos a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide gas service in the current service areas of ANG. The

Commission's order also directed Atmos to provide service in the areas acquired from ANG in accordance with the existing tariffs of ANG.

Atmos filed a tariff sheet on May 1 with an effective date of June 1, adopting, ratifying and making its own all the tariffs of ANG filed with and approved by the Commission before June 1, 2000. Staff reviewed the tariff sheet and filed a memorandum on May 11, indicating that the submitted tariff filing is in compliance with the Commission's order of April 20. The memorandum recommends that the Commission permit the submitted tariff sheet to go into effect on June 1, the requested effective date.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Commission's order of April 20 and should be approved to become effective on June 1.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff filed by Atmos Energy Corporation on May 1, 2000, and assigned tariff number 200000996, is approved to become effective on June 1, 2000. The tariff approved is:

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2. That this order shall become effective on June 1, 2000.

3. That this case may be closed on June 2, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,
RSMo 1994.


Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 16th day of May, 2000.

**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 16th day of May 2000.





Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge