

**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**

Uncertified Copy:

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Associated Natural Gas)
Company's Tariff Revisions to be) **Case No. GR-96-227**
Reviewed in its 1995-1996 Actual Cost)
Adjustment)

In the matter of Associated Natural Gas)
Company's Tariff Revision to be) **Case No. GR-97-191**
Reviewed in its 1996-1997 Actual Cost)
Adjustment)

In the matter of Associated Natural Gas)
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment) **Case No. GR-98-399**
Factors to be Reviewed in its 1997-1998)
Actual Cost Adjustment)

In the matter of Associated Natural Gas)
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment) **Case No. GR-99-392**
Factors to be Reviewed in its 1998-1999)
Actual Cost Adjustment)

In the matter of Atmos Energy)
Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment) **Case No. GR-2000-573**
to be Reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual)
Cost Adjustment)

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.

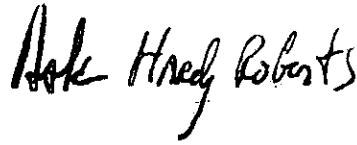
Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.015(1) states that a rule may be waived by the Commission for good cause. The Commission finds that the parties have stated good cause in that it is practical that the Commission would need only 13 copies of the pleading rather than 45 copies. The request by the parties is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

(S E A L)

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

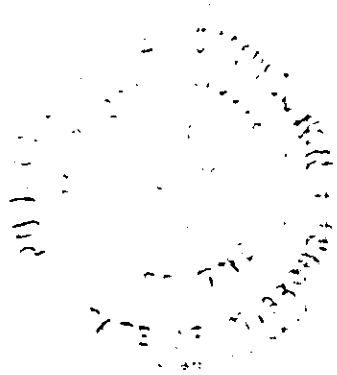
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of November, 2001.

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 6th day of Nov. 2001.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts", is written over a horizontal line.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge