OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Purchased Gas Cost Recovery

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Case No. GW-2001-398

ORDER CLOSING CASE

On April 15, 2002, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a motion to close this case. Staff notes that the Commission established this case, and assembled its Task Force, to study the methods of gas cost recovery from utility customers in Missouri, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Commission. The 40-member Task Force met, organized, deliberated and sought input from the public. In August 2001, the Task Force filed its report, and the Commission has considered the report at several agenda meetings. In addition, the Commission has recently established a case to consider generic changes to the Purchased Gas Adjustment clause that effectuates gas cost recovery, Case No. GR-2002-452, and has issued an order finding necessity for rulemaking on the Task Force recommendations for gas price mitigation, Case No. GX-2002-478. Staff believes that there is no further action that the Commission needs to take in this case, and Staff therefore recommends that it be closed. No party filed a response to Staff's motion.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's motion to close the case, along with the official file, and finds that Staff's motion should be granted. The Task Force has filed its final report, and the Commission has established several new cases in response to the Task Force's report. No further action needs to be taken in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Staff's Motion to Close Case, filed April 15, 2002, is granted. This case may now be closed.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on May 13, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 3rd day of May, 2002.