STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Jefferson City November 30, 1988

CASE NO. GR-89-70

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

Sincerely,

Harvey G. Hubbs

Secretary

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Office of Public Counsel, P. O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 30th day of November, 1988.

CASE NO. GR-89-70

In the matter of Union Electric Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for authority to file tariff sheets reflecting changes in rates in all of the Company's Missouri service areas as provided for in the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause on file with the Commission.

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1988

On August 22, 1988, Union Electric Company (Company) of St. Louis, Missouri, submitted to this Commission for approval, tariffs which included a change in rates for natural gas service due to the recalculation of the Actual Gas Adjustment (ACA) factor.

On August 31, 1988 in Gas Authority Order No. 1586, the Commission allowed the proposed tariffs to become effective September 1, 1988, on an interim basis, subject to its review of the recommendation resulting from Staff's audit of the information relating to the ACA filing.

On November 21, 1988, Union Electric Company of St. Louis, Missouri, submitted to this Commission for approval, a tariff sheet reflecting a change in the Purchased Gas Adjustment factors in one of its Missouri service areas.

A decrease in wholesale gas costs in the area served by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (PEPL) will cause a decrease in rates in this area. The Firm customers' PGA factor will decrease from 44.83¢/Ccf to 43.58¢/Ccf and the Interruptible customers' PGA factor will decrease from 39.22¢/Ccf to 36.92¢/Ccf.

The area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (TETC) has a proposed increase due to the termination of two refunds. The Firm customers' PGA factor will increase from 34.49¢/Ccf to 34.51¢/Ccf and the Interruptible PGA factor will increase from 25.42¢/Ccf to 25.44¢/Ccf.

The area served by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPC) has a proposed increase in the PGA factors due to an increase in the wholesale rates charged by NGPC. The Firm customers' PGA factor will increase from 19.42¢/Ccf to 24.71¢/Ccf and the Interruptible PGA factor will increase from 25.36¢/Ccf to 30.65¢/Ccf.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) recommends that since the August 22, 1988, filing was approved on an interim basis, any subsequent filing using those factors should also be made interim in nature until a final decision can be made by the Commission. Staff has also requested that the deadline for making a recommendation on the ACA filing be extended from November 30, 1988 to January 30, 1989.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's recommendations and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11) RSMo 1986, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be allowed to become effective on and after the requested effective date, December 1, 1988, on an interim basis. The Commission is also of the opinion that the Staff should be allowed to make a recommendation on the ACA portion of the August 22, 1988 filing on or before January 30, 1989 instead of November 30, 1988, as currently required.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the following tariff sheets submitted by Union Electric Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for the purpose of reflecting changes in natural gas rates for one of its Missouri service areas be, and the same are, hereby authorized to become effective on and after December 1, 1988, on an interim basis.

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27th Revised Sheet No. 80 Cancelling 26th Revised Sheet No. 80

15th Revised Sheet No. 80.1 Cancelling 14th Revised Sheet No. 80.1

ORDERED: 2. That Staff be allowed to submit the results of its review of the data submitted in the August 22, 1988 filing and Staff's recommendations pertaining to such, on or before January 30, 1989.

ORDERED: 3. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Harvey G. Hubbs

Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Musgrave, Mueller and Hendren, CC., Concur. Fischer, C., Absent.

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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.

WITHERS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 30th day of November , 1988.

Harvey G. Hubbs

Secretary