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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 16th
day of November, 1999.

In the Matter of United Cities Gas Company's)
Tariff Revision Designed to be Reviewed in) Case No. GR-98-274
Its 1997-1998 Actual Cost Adjustment for the)
Missouri Service Area of the Company.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING ACA BALANCE AND CLOSING CASE

This case was opened for the purpose of receiving the 1997-98 Purchased Gas Adjustment filings and Actual Cost Adjustment filing of United Cities Gas Company (UCGC). On September 28, 1999, the Procurement Analysis Department of the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum indicating that Staff had reviewed the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing of UCGC. Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order requiring UCGC to establish the ACA account balances in its next ACA filing to reflect the following ending balances to be collected from (or refunded to) the ratepayers:

	Balance per Company Filing	Staff Adjustments	Ending Balances
Bowling Green District:			
Demand ACA	\$ 0		\$ 0
Commodity ACA	\$ 88,541		\$ 88,541
Take-or-Pay	\$ (88)		\$ (88)
Refund	\$ (45,733)		\$ (45,733)
Hannibal/Canton District:			
Demand ACA	\$ (453,390)		\$(453,390)
Commodity ACA	\$ (498,402)		\$ (498,402)
Take-or-Pay	\$ (87,542)		\$ (87,542)
Refund	\$ (511,406)		\$ (511,406)
Neelyville District:			
Demand ACA	\$ 2,188		\$ 2,188
Commodity ACA	\$ (6,643)	\$ (3,516)	\$ (10,159)
Take-or-Pay	\$ (558)		\$ (558)
Refund	\$ (5,800)		\$ (5,800)
Palmyra District:			
Demand ACA	\$ (62,536)		\$ (62,536)
Commodity ACA	\$ (96,046)	\$ (24,048)	\$ (120,094)
Take-or-Pay	\$ (21,018)		\$ (21,018)
Refund	\$ (68,347)		\$ (68,347)

On October 27, 1999, UCGC filed a response to the Staff's recommendation in which it stated that it agreed with the ending balances determined by the Staff. The Commission has reviewed the memorandum filed by Staff and the response filed by UCGC. The Commission determines that the ending balances shown in the Staff recommendation are reasonable and should be approved. The Commission further determines that this case should be closed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That United Cities Gas Company shall establish the Actual Cost Adjustment account balances in its next Actual Cost Adjustment filing as discussed herein.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 30, 1999.
3. That this case may be closed on December 1, 1999.

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)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,
Schemenauer, and Drainer, CC., concur

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge