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In the matter of United Cities Gas Company's )  
tariff revisions designed to be reviewed in )  
its 1996-1997 actual cost adjustment for the ) Case No. GR-97-259  
Missouri service area of the company. )

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the change in United's PGA was calculated in conformance with its approved PGA Clause and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective on November 1, 1997. Staff recommended that the tariff sheet be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, until the Commission makes its final determinations in Case Nos. GR-96-197 and GR-97-259.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the proposed tariff conforms to United's Commission-approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 1, 1997, interim subject to refund.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

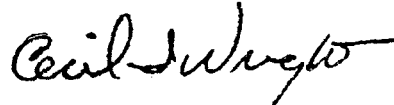
1. That the tariff sheet submitted on September 25, 1997, by United Cities Gas Company of Brentwood, Tennessee, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for its natural gas for its Palmyra District, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on November 1, 1997. The tariff sheet approved is:

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2. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary

( S E A L )

Lumpe, Chm., Murray, and Drainer, CC., Concur.  
Crumpton, C., Dissent.  
ALJ: Luckenbill