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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the matter of Union Electric Company's )  
Purchased Gas Adjustment factors to be audited ) Case No. GR-99-396  
in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment. )

**ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES**

Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (UE or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri, submitted three tariff sheets to the Commission on October 20, 1999, carrying an effective date of November 3, 1999. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect scheduled changes in UE's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season. The winter season includes the months of November through March. Additionally, the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) and Refund factors changed.

The effect of these changes for the area served by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company will increase the firm PGA factor for the 1999-2000 winter season to \$0.4370 per Ccf from a summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.3553 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 23% increase in gas costs to consumers.

The effect of these changes for the area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 1999-2000 winter season to \$0.3553 per Ccf from a summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.3613 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 2% decrease in gas costs to consumers.

The effect of these changes for the area served by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America will increase the firm PGA factor for the 1999-2000 winter season to \$0.2957 per Ccf from a summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.1847 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 60% increase in gas costs to consumers.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in UE's PGA were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause. Staff stated that UE's PGA Clause allows for ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets to become effective November 3,

1999, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in UE's ACA Case No. GR-99-396. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before August 1, 2000.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets, Staff's recommendation and request, and finds that the tariff sheets conform to the Company's Commission approved PGA Clause and are therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 3, 1999, interim subject to refund.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the tariff sheets submitted on October 20, 1999, by Union Electric Company of St. Louis, Missouri, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on November 3, 1999. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 2

78th Revised SHEET No. 30, Cancelling 77th Revised SHEET No. 30  
84th Revised SHEET No. 31, Cancelling 83rd Revised SHEET No. 31  
79th Revised SHEET No. 32, Cancelling 78th Revised SHEET No. 32

2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of this ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before August 1, 2000.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 3, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

*Dale Hardy Roberts*  
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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

Morris Woodruff, Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),  
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,  
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1999.

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