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STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 28th day of October, 1997.

In the Matter of Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc.'s)	
tariff revision to be reviewed in its)	Case No. GR-98-164
1996-1997 Actual Cost Adjustment.)	

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. (Fidelity) of Sullivan, Missouri, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on October 15, 1997, carrying an effective date of November 1, 1997. The tariff sheet is designed to change the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors due to an increase in purchased gas costs and an increase in its annual Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor. These changes will have the net effect of increasing annualized revenues by approximately \$78,300. The impact on a typical residential space heating customer using 97 Ccfs of natural gas in the month of November will be an increase of \$3.65, or 5.8%.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) recommended the tariff sheet submitted in this filing be approved, interim subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in Case No. GR-98-164. Also, Staff requested permission for the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department to submit its results and recommendations regarding the data contained in this filing on or before August 1, 1998.

After considering Staff's recommendation and request, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11) RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be allowed to become effective on and after the requested effective date, November 1, 1997, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheet submitted October 15, 1997, by Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. of Sullivan, Missouri, for the purpose of reflecting a net increase in the PGA factors as a result of an increase in its gas costs and an increase in its ACA factor, be, and it is, hereby approved to become effective on and after November 1, 1997, interim subject to refund.

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- 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, 1998.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

Cecil I. Wright Executive Secretary

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Lumpe, Chm., Crumpton, Murray and Drainer, CC., Concur.

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