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At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 24th day of February, 1998.

In the matter of United Cities Gas Company's )  
tariff revisions 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 APPROVING INTERIM BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT RATES

United Cities Gas Company (United) of Brentwood, Tennessee, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on January 28, 1998, carrying an effective date of March 1, 1998. The tariff sheet is designed to change Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors for its Bowling Green District as a result of a decrease in the spot market gas cost. The effect of this change will decrease United's annualized revenues by approximately \$66,100. The impact on a typical residential space heating customer using 159 Ccf of natural gas in the month of March will be a decrease of \$6.63, or 6.5%.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes 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 March 1, 1998. 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, GR-97-259, and GR-98-274.

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 finds that the proposed

tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of March 1, 1998, interim subject to refund.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

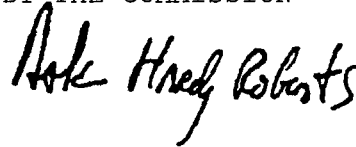
1. That the tariff sheet submitted January 28, 1998, by United Cities Gas Company of Brentwood, Tennessee, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for natural gas in its Bowling Green District, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on March 1, 1998. The tariff sheet approved is:

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2. That this order shall become effective on March 1, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Derque, Regulatory Law Judge

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