

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 28th  
day of August, 1992.

In the matter of the application of United Cities     )  
Gas Company for permission, approval, and a     )  
certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing     )  
it to construct, install, own, operate, control,     )  
manage and maintain a gas system for the public     )  
in a portion of Marion County and Ralls County,     )  
Missouri, as a expansion of its presently     )  
certificated area.     )

CASE NO. GA-92-246

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE

On March 19, 1992, United Cities Gas Company (United Cities) filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide gas service in a portion of Marion County and Ralls County, Missouri, as an expansion of its presently certificated area in the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri. United Cities proposes to provide gas service in the proposed area under the same terms and conditions as it presently does with its existing customers and as are reflected in its currently approved tariffs. United Cities states that it is not aware of any other utility that provides gas service within the proposed service area.

On March 31, 1992, the Commission issued an Order and Notice directing its Executive Secretary to send notice of the application. The Commission stated that if no one filed an application to intervene or motion for hearing, United Cities would be allowed to submit evidence in support of its application by verified statement. No application to intervene nor motion for hearing was filed.

On July 31, 1992, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission approve United Cities' application. Staff also recommended that the Commission's order include a provision that all service line and main extensions are performed in accordance with United Cities'

current tariff, and language making it clear that approval does not constitute any determination of the ratemaking treatment to be accorded the transactions that will occur.

Upon review of United Cities' application and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that providing a reliable source of gas to the proposed service area is in the public interest, and that United Cities' proposal is reasonable. Thus, the Commission determines that United Cities' application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That United Cities Gas Company is hereby granted a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a gas system for the public in Marion County and Ralls County, within the service area contemplated by the application, and this order.

2. That United Cities Gas Company shall perform all service line and main extensions in accordance with its current tariff.

3. That United Cities Gas Company shall update its tariff within twenty (20) days of the effective date of this order by filing a revised map and legal description consistent with the service area approved by this order.

4. That nothing in this order shall be considered as a finding by the Commission of the reasonableness of the expenditures herein involved, nor of the value for ratemaking purposes of the properties herein included, nor as an acquiescence in the value placed upon said properties by United Cities Gas Company.

5. That the Commission reserves the right to consider the ratemaking treatment to be afforded the facilities constructed pursuant to the certificate of convenience and necessity granted herein and its resulting cost of capital in any later proceeding.

6. That this Order shall become effective on September 9, 1992.

BY THE COMMISSION

*Brent Stewart*

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Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Mueller, Rauch  
and Kincheloe, CC., Concur.  
Perkins, C., Absent.