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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.)

United Cities Gas Company (United) of Brentwood, Tennessee, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on December 30, 1997 carrying an effective date of February 1, 1998. The tariff sheet is designed to change Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors for its Neelyville District due to 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 217 Ccf of natural gas in the month of February will be a decrease of \$25.13, or 14.2%.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (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 February 1, 1998. Staff recommended that the tariff sheet submitted in this filing be approved, interim subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions 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 tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet should be allowed to become effective on and after the requested effective date, February 1, 1998, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

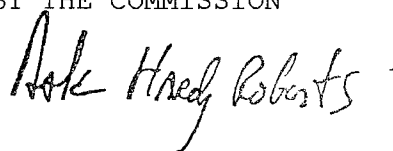
1. That the tariff sheet submitted on December 30, 1997, by United Cities Gas Company of Brentwood, Tennessee, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for natural gas in its Neelyville District, be, and it is, hereby approved to become effective on and after February 1, 1998, interim subject to refund. The tariff sheet approved is:

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

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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