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TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,  
Case No. GR-99-435, File No. 9900773, Missouri Public Service

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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation on Missouri Public Service's Scheduled Summer  
Season PGA Filing Effective April 16, 1999

DATE: April 12, 1999

On April 2, 1999, Missouri Public Service (MPS or Company) of Kansas City, Missouri, filed tariff sheets proposed to become effective April 16, 1999, for each of its three Missouri systems. The tariff sheets were filed to reflect scheduled changes in MPS's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October.

For the Southern System (serving communities such as Sedalia and Clinton), the effect of the change in the PGA will decrease the firm PGA factor for the summer season to \$0.21539 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.27386 per Ccf. This represents **an approximate decrease of 21%** to consumers.

For the Northern System (serving communities such as Chillicothe and Trenton), the effect of the changes in the PGA will decrease the firm PGA factor for the summer season to \$0.25882 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.30414 per Ccf. This represents **an approximate decrease of 15%** to consumers.

For the Eastern System (serving communities such as Rolla and Owensville), the effect of the change in the PGA will decrease the firm PGA factor for the summer season to \$0.43761 per Ccf from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.51261 per Ccf. This represents **an approximate decrease of 15%** to consumers.

Case No. GR-99-435, under which these changes were filed, was established to address MPS's PGA factors that will be reviewed in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing. Case Nos. GR-98-421 and GR-97-298 were established to address MPS's PGA factors that will be reviewed in its 1997-1998 and 1996-1997 ACA filings respectively. Interim subject to refund status should be maintained pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-97-298, GR-98-421, and GR-99-435.

The Commission's Gas Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed this filing and has determined that it was calculated in conformance with MPS's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of this filing with less than thirty days notice is demonstrated by MPS's Commission-approved PGA Clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheets, as filed on April 2, 1999 be approved, interim subject to refund:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5

16th Revised SHEET NO. 43, Cancelling 15th Revised SHEET NO. 43  
19th Revised SHEET NO. 44, Cancelling 18th Revised SHEET NO. 44  
9th Revised SHEET NO. 44.1, Cancelling 8th Revised SHEET NO. 44.1

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