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 October, 1994.

In the matter of Associated)	
Natural Gas Company's tariff)	
sheets to be reviewed in its)	<u>Case No. GR-94-189</u>
1993-1994 Actual Cost)	
Adjustment.)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

On October 21, 1994 Associated Natural Gas Company (ANG) filed tariffs reflecting its revised actual cost adjustment (ACA) component of its purchased gas adjustment for the annual period through October 31, 1995. These tariffs were filed with an effective date of November 1, 1994. Also, on October 21, 1994, ANG filed a motion, titled "Application for Waiver," requesting an order of the Commission granting a one-time waiver of the tariff provision making the ACA factor effective November 1, 1994 and postponing that effective date to the December billing period. In addition, ANG seeks to extend the proposed effective date of the tariff filing of October 21, 1994 past the November 1, 1994 proposed effective date currently reflected in the tariff.

As its reason for this request, ANG states that the proposed tariff filing reflects a substantial increase in the ACA factors for two of ANG's operating districts. ANG maintains that this increase will cause those customers with an alternative fuel capability to leave the system. ANG states that its current tariff provisions do not provide for the amortization of extremes in the ACA factor over more than a 12 month period. ANG is requesting this extension of time to allow it to deal with this unexpected situation.

On October 25, 1994 the Staff of the Commission filed its reply. In that reply the Staff reserved the right to address the allegations of ANG in regard to its reasons for making its request but agreed to the request due to the significant time problem faced by ANG.

The Commission has reviewed the motion filed by ANG and the response of the Staff and, without making a finding regarding the reasons for the request as set out in ANG's motion, finds the request to be reasonable due to extreme time pressure. The Commission will therefore grant ANG a one-time waiver of the instant provision in tariff sheet No. 16H, and modify that tariff to substitute the billing month of December for November as the effective month for the new ACA factor. In addition, the Commission also grants ANG's request to extend the effective date of its tariff filing of October 21, 1994 to December 1, 1994.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Associated Natural Gas Company is granted a one-time waiver from the provisions of tariff sheet No. 16H, in that the effective revenue month of the proposed ACA factor for the year through October 31, 1995 will be December rather than November, 1994.
- 2. That the effective date of the tariff filing of Associated Natural Gas of October 21, 1994 is hereby extended to December 1, 1994.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

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McClure, Perkins, Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur. Mueller, Chm., Absent.