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At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 25th
day of July, 1997.

In the matter of Union Electric Company's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment factors to be audited) Case No. GR-97-545
in its 1997-1998 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Union Electric Company (UE) of St. Louis, Missouri, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on July 14, 1997, carrying an effective date of July 29, 1997. The tariff sheet is designed to change Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors due to a change in the cost of natural gas charged in one of its districts.

The area served by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation will experience a net decrease in UE's annualized revenues of approximately \$633,000. The impact on a typical residential space heating customer using 27 Ccf of natural gas in the month of August will be a decrease of \$0.67, or 3.4%.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in UE's PGA were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective on July 29, 1997. Staff stated that UE's PGA Clause allows for fifteen (15) days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. 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-96-430 and GR-97-545.

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 and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of July 29, 1997, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

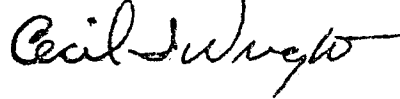
1. That the tariff sheet submitted on July 14, 1997, by Union Electric Company of St. Louis, Missouri, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on July 29, 1997. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 2

77th Revised SHEET No. 31, Cancelling 76th Revised SHEET No. 31

2. That this order shall become effective July 29, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., Crumpton, Drainer,
Murray, and Lumpe, CC., Concur.
ALJ: Luckenbill