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At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 22nd day of May, 1997.

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Tariff)
Designed to Postpone Weatherization Program) **Case No. GT-97-483**
Consultant Contract Date from May 1, 1997 to)
June 1, 1997.)
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ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On May 2, 1997, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) filed tariff sheets proposing to modify its experimental weatherization program. The proposed tariffs revise the current MGE weatherization program to specify that MGE and the City of Kansas City (City) will select an independent consultant to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the program. Employment of the consultant will require the consent of the City.

The second proposed tariff revision would extend the deadline for the employment of the consultant from May 1, 1997 to June 6, 1997. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) states that it is in concurrence with the City and MGE that delaying the award of the consultant contract will not hamper the evaluation of the program.

On May 14, 1997, the Staff filed its recommendation in this matter. The Staff states that it has reviewed this filing and does not oppose the approval of these tariffs in an expedited fashion. The Staff recommends approval of the tariffs with an effective date of June 1, 1997.

The Commission has considered the proposed tariffs and finds them reasonable and in the public interest. The Commission will approve the proposed tariffs with an effective date of June 1, 1997.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

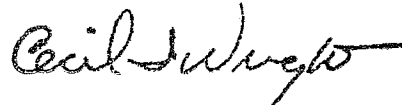
1. That the following tariff sheets, filed May 2, 1997 by Missouri Gas Energy, are approved for service rendered on and after June 1, 1997.

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Second Revised SHEET No. 96, Cancelling First Revised SHEET No. 96
First Revised SHEET No. 101, Cancelling Original SHEET No. 101

2. That this order shall become effective on June 1, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Zobrist, Chm., Drainer and
Murray, CC., concur.
Crumpton, C., absent.

ALJ: Luckenbill