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RE: Case No. GR-2001-36

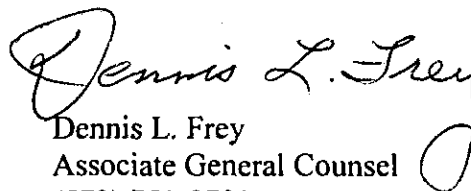
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Missouri Public  
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In the matter of Greeley Gas Company's )  
Purchased Gas Adjustment factors to be )  
Reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual Cost )  
Adjustment. )

Case No. GR-2001-36

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-captioned matter, and for its Recommendation states as follows:

1. On July 14, 2000, Greeley Gas Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation ("Greeley" or "Company"), submitted a revised tariff sheet along with a Request for Variance from Tariff Provisions, wherein it sought permission, for good cause, to file an unscheduled summer Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") change, to become effective on August 1, 2000. On July 17, 2000 a substitute tariff sheet was filed to correct a filing error.

2. On July 31, 2000, the Commission, in accordance a Staff Memorandum filed July 24, 2000 and recommending approval, issued an order granting the aforementioned waiver request and approving, interim subject to refund, the July 14, 2000 tariff sheet, as substituted on July 17th, with an effective date of August 1, 2000.

3. On November 3, 2000, Greeley filed a tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of December 1, 2000. The filing was made in order to reflect scheduled changes in the Company's

PGA factors due to anticipated changes in the price of natural gas for the upcoming winter season.

4. In the attached Memorandum (Appendix A), the Staff recommends approval, for good cause shown, of the following proposed tariff sheet on less than thirty days' notice, interim subject to refund:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

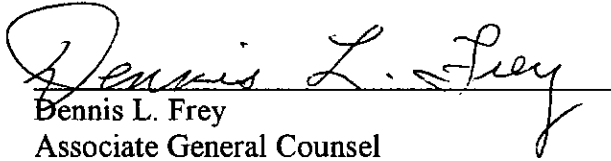
46th Revised Sheet No. 6, Canceling 45th Revised Sheet No. 6.

5. Because of the short time available to review documentation supporting the Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") factor represented in this filing, the Procurement Analysis Department requests permission to submit its results and recommendations concerning information included in this ACA filing to the Commission on or before May 1, 2001.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the proposed tariff sheet, interim subject to refund, and granting the Procurement Analysis Department's request to submit its recommendations concerning this ACA filing on or before May 1, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE  
General Counsel

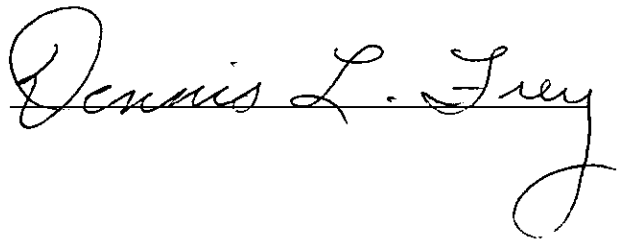
  
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### **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2000.



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Case No. GR-2001-36  
November 27, 2000 (lb)**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,  
Case No. GR-2001-36, File No. 200000516,  
Greeley Gas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation

FROM: <sup>DB</sup> Daniel I. Beck, Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design

Wes Henderson 11-27-00  
Utility Operations Division / Date

<sup>D.I.B. 11-27-00</sup>  
Thomas E. Schwan Jr. 11/27/00  
General Counsel's Office / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Greeley Gas Company's Scheduled Winter Season PGA  
Filing Effective December 1, 2000.

DATE: November 22, 2000

On November 3, 2000, Greeley Gas Company (Greeley or Company), a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation of Dallas, Texas, filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective December 1, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in Greeley's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season. The winter season includes the months of November through March. Additionally, this tariff filing reflects changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) and Refund factors.

The net effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.3991 per Ccf from the unscheduled 2000 summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.4463 per Ccf. In spite of an increase in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season, the change in the ACA factor to correct an over-collection in gas costs and the decrease in the refund factor contributes to an over-all decrease in gas costs to consumers.

Case No. GR-2001-36, under which this change was filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 1999-2000 ACA filing. Interim subject to refund status should be maintained pending a final Commission decision in Case No. GR-2001-36.

Because of the short time available to review the documentation supporting the ACA factor represented in this filing, the Procurement Analysis Department (PAD) has requested permission to submit its results and recommendations regarding information included in this ACA filing to the Commission on or before May 1, 2001.

The Commission's Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed this filing and has determined that it was calculated in conformance with Greeley's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated by

Greeley's Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for a minimum of ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheet be approved, interim subject to refund:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

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Forty-sixth Revised Sheet No. 6 Cancelling Forty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 6.

Copies:    Director - Utility Operations Division  
              Director - Research and Public Affairs Division  
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              Manager - Procurement Analysis Department  
              Manager - Gas Department  
              Bob J. Cline, Manager, Rate Administration (Greeley)  
              Douglas C. Walther, Senior Attorney (Greeley)  
              Office of the Public Counsel

**WINTER SEASON**

Approximate Billing Impact Of 888 Ccf per Winter Season

Greeley Gas Company

Residential Heating Customer

	Prior Winter Season (Months)	Ccf Usage	Total Fuel Bill (\$)
+	November 1999	97	68.87
#	December	179	118.04
#	January 2000	236	154.03
#	February	217	142.04
#	March	159	105.41
	<b>5 Month Winter Season Total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>\$588.39</b>

	Forecasted Winter Season (Months)	Ccf Usage	Total Fuel Bill (\$)
^	November 2000	97	79.25
*	December	179	133.58
*	January 2001	236	174.52
*	February	217	160.87
*	March	159	119.21
	<b>5 Month Winter Season Total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>\$667.43</b>

**REMARKS**

For a typical residential customer using approximately 888 Ccf during the winter season (November - March), natural gas rates will increase by \$79.04 or approximately 13% when comparing the fuel bills for the prior winter season ending March 2000 with the fuel bills for the forecasted winter season ending March 2001.

## Notes:

- (1) Total fuel bill does not include gross receipts or local sales taxes.
- (2) Monthly usage priced at the rates in effect during the appropriate time period.
- (3) Tariff Sheet No. 2: Customer Charge = \$5.00; Non-gas Component Charge = \$0.3192 per Ccf.
- + Tariff Sheet No. 6: PGA Charge = \$.3393 per Ccf.
- # Tariff Sheet No. 6: PGA Charge = \$.3123 per Ccf.
- ^ Tariff Sheet No. 6: PGA Charge = \$.4463 per Ccf.
- \* Tariff Sheet No. 6: PGA Charge = \$.3991 per Ccf.

**Missouri Public Service Commission**  
**December 2000**



**Greeley Gas Company**  
**2000-2001 Winter Season Revenue Impact from 12/01/00 Filing**

Month	PGA Factor	Month	PGA Factor	PGA Change (12/01/00)	Revenue Impact (Winter Season)
Nov 1999	0.3393	Nov 2000	0.4463	0.10700	5,551
Dec	0.3123	Dec	0.3991	0.08680	8,187
Jan 2000	0.3123	Jan 2001	0.3991	0.08680	11,052
Feb	0.3123	Feb	0.3991	0.08680	9,824
Mar	0.3123	Mar	0.3991	0.08680	7,368

Estimated Seasonal Sales Volume (Greeley Workpapers\*: File No. 200100516)

471,585 Ccf

**Winter Season Revenue Change:**

**\$41,981 Increase**

- 1) Docket GR-2001-36
- 2) File No. 200100510
- 3) Prepared By: Daniel I. Beck
- 4) Date Prepared: 11/22/00

Month	Estimated Customer Usage Ccf/Mnth	Estimated % Ccf / Winter Season	Estimated Company Sales Ccf/Mnth
Nov	97	11%	51,874
Dec	179	20%	94,317
Jan	236	27%	127,328
Feb	217	24%	113,180
Mar	159	18%	84,885
TOTAL	888	100%	471,585

\*Seasonal System Gas Supply (Greeley supplied)

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Imhoff

FROM: Phil Lock

DATE: November 27, 2000

SUBJECT: Request for Time to Conduct the ACA Audit in Case No. GR-2001-36,  
Greeley Gas Company.

In order to perform a thorough and complete audit of Greeley Gas 1999-2000 ACA filing in Case No. GR-2001-36, the Procurement Analysis Department requests that it be allowed to file its recommendation regarding the current ACA information on or before May 1, 2001.

CC: Bob Schallenberg  
Dave Sommerer

**GREELEY  
GAS  
COMPANY**



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Missouri Public  
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November 2, 2000

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison, Suite 220  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Roberts:

GR-2001-36

Enclosed is the original and three copies of the filing for P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Forty-sixth revised sheet No. 6, which cancels P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Forty-fifth revised Sheet No. 6. Please indicate receipt of this filing by dating the enclosed duplicate of this letter and returning it in the enclosed, stamped envelope for our files. Also, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (615) 595-7700 extension 233.

This filing is made to comply with Public Service Commission Rules and Greeley Gas Company tariffs. Included in this filing are Exhibits A, B, C, D and E, detailing the computation of the ACA effective December 1, 2000 through November 30, 2001, and the steps used in calculating the new Regular Purchased Gas Adjustment (RPGA) for Greeley Gas Company's Missouri customers and the revenue effect thereof.

The expected purchased gas cost calculations on Exhibit D has the effect of decreasing the RPGA. This decrease is expected to result in an annual decrease to the Missouri customers of \$22,259 or 6.17% on gross receipts.

Greeley Gas Company requests that this revised tariff P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Forty-sixth revised sheet No. 6, become effective with all billings on or after December 1, 2000.

Sincerely,

Bobby J. Cline  
Manager, Rate Administration

Enclosures

Cc: Public Counsel (2)

200100510

GREELEY GAS COMPANY (A Division  
of Atmos Energy Corporation)

Name of Issuing Corporation

For: RICH HILL, HUME, AND RURAL CUSTOMERS

Community, Town, or City

**GENERAL GAS SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
**PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (Cont.)**

**ADJUSTMENT STATEMENT**

As provided in sheets 3, 4, 5, and 5A of this Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause, the following adjustments in \$/CCF shall be made to the Customer's currently effective rate to reflect the Company's cost of gas.

<u>Regular PGA</u> (\$/CCF)	<u>Actual Cost</u> <u>Adjustment</u> (\$/CCF)	<u>Refund</u> (\$/CCF)	<u>Net PGA</u> (\$/CCF)
0.5977	(0.1452)	(0.0534)	0.3991
was = 0.5087	(0.0331)	(0.0293)	0.4463
$\Delta = 0.0890 \uparrow$	0.1121 $\downarrow$	0.0241 $\downarrow$	0.0472 $\downarrow$

\* Indicates new rate or test

+ Indicates change

DATE OF ISSUE:

July 13, 2000  
November 2, 2000

DATE EFFECTIVE:

August 1, 2000  
December 1, 2000

ISSUED BY:

Mark G. Thessin

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs