

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: GR-2001-250

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Fidelity Natural Gas,)
Inc.'s Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors)
to be Audited in Its 1999-2000 Actual)
Cost Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-2001-250

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. (FNG), filed a tariff sheet with the Commission on October 16, 2000, carrying an effective date of November 1, 2000. The tariff sheet reflects scheduled changes in FNG's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter heating season. The winter heating season includes the months of November through March. Additionally, the proposed tariff sheet reflects a change in FNG's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors.

On October 18, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its Memorandum and Recommendation in this case. Staff recommends that FNG's proposed tariff sheet be approved for service on and after November 1, 2000, as an interim rate, subject to refund. Staff further advises the Commission that FNG has shown good cause such that its tariff sheet should be approved on less than 30 days notice.

The effect of the proposed tariff sheet is to increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter heating season to \$0.3939 per Ccf from the 1999-2000 winter heating season PGA factor of \$0.2901.

FNG did not file a summer PGA factor change. Staff states that FNG's proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with FNG's PGA Clause. Staff further states that FNG's PGA Clause allows for ten business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes and that, under the circumstances, good cause exists to approve the proposed tariff sheet on less than 30 days notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective November 1, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in FNG's ACA case, Case No. GR-2001-250. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before June 1, 2001.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission 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 concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on October 16, 2000, by Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 1, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before June 1, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of October, 2000.

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I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 24th day of Oct. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge