

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 30, 2001**

CASE NO: GR-2001-394

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

Sincerely,

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

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 30th
day of January, 2001.

In the Matter of Greeley Gas Company's Purchased)	<u>Case No. GR-2001-394</u>
Gas Adjustment Factors to be Reviewed in Its)	Tariff No. 200100750
2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment.)	

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Greeley Gas Company (Greeley) submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on January 18, 2001, carrying an effective date of February 1, 2001. The proposed tariff sheet was filed to reflect unscheduled changes in Greeley's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of current high prices of natural gas that exceed those contained in Greeley's scheduled winter heating season PGA tariff.¹ The net effect of the changes proposed by Greeley will increase the firm PGA factor for the remainder of the 2000-2001 winter season to \$0.7339 per Ccf from the current firm PGA factor of \$0.3991 per Ccf.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum and recommendation on January 25, 2001. Staff stated that this case was established to track Greeley's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing. Additionally, Staff noted that Case No. GR-2001-36 was established to track Greeley's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 1999-2000 ACA filing. Staff recommends that approval on an interim basis, subject to refund, should be granted, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-2001-36 and GR-2001-394.

¹ The winter season includes the months of November through March.

Staff states that the changes in Greeley's PGA were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA clause. Staff also states that in its opinion good cause for approval of the tariff sheet on less than 30 days' notice is demonstrated by Greeley's Commission-approved PGA Clause allowing for ten business days' notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommended that the tariff sheet be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on February 1, 2001.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation and memorandum, and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to Greeley's Commission-approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. This unscheduled increase in Greeley's rates is necessary because of the current extraordinarily high price of natural gas. If the price of natural gas drops in coming months, the Commission encourages Greeley to file for an unscheduled reduction in its PGA tariffs.

After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved for service rendered on and after the requested effective date of February 1, 2001, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on January 18, 2001, by Greeley Gas Company, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on February 1, 2001. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

**Forty-Seventh Revised Sheet No. 6,
CANCELING Forty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 6**

2. That this order shall become effective on February 1, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer and Murray,
CC., concur.

Schemenauer, C., dissents, with
dissenting opinion attached.

Simmons, C., dissents, with
dissenting opinion attached.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y:

Dyppell 11 per

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ALJ

Lumpke, Chair

per

Drauer, Vice Chair

AM

Murray, Commissioner

KS

Schenenauer, Commissioner

KS (no) dissent attached

Simmons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken:

3-2 AS

Must Vote Not Later Than

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STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 30th day of Jan. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge