

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: GR-2001-396

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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, flowing style.

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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be) **Case No. GR-2001-396**
Audited in Its 2000-2001 Actual Cost) Tariff File Nos. 200200297
Adjustment.)

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Atmos Energy Corporation filed a tariff sheet with the Commission on October 18, 2001, in Tariff File No. 200200297, carrying an effective date of November 1, 2001. A substitute tariff was filed on October 19, 2001. The tariff sheet reflects scheduled changes in Atmos' 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 Atmos' Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA), Transitional Cost (TC) and Refund factors.

On October 26, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its recommendation. Staff recommends that Atmos' proposed tariff sheet be approved for service on and after November 1, 2001, as an interim rate, subject to refund. Staff further advises the Commission that Atmos has shown good cause such that its tariff sheet should be approved on less than 30 days notice. Staff requested permission to submit the results of its review of the documentation supporting the ACA factor and its recommendations on or before June 1, 2002.

The effect of the proposed tariff sheet is to decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2001-2002 winter heating season to \$0.25183 per Ccf from an unscheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.67077 per Ccf for the Butler District, to decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2001-2002 winter heating season to \$0.33272 per Ccf from an unscheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.78998 per Ccf for the Kirksville District, and to decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter heating season to \$0.43643 per Ccf from an unscheduled summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.79986 per Ccf for the Southeast Missouri District. Staff states that Atmos' proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with Atmos' PGA Clause. Staff further states that Atmos' 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 sheets, as amended, to become effective November 1, 2001, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in Atmos' ACA case, Case No. GR-2001-396.

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 2000, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff, Tariff File No. 200200297, should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 1, 2001, interim subject to refund.

Staff shall be directed to submit the results of its review of the documentation supporting the ACA factor and its recommendations on or before June 1, 2002.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Tariff No. 200200297, filed on October 18, 2001, as amended on October 19, 2001, submitted in Case No. TO-01-396, by Atmos Energy Corporation, respectively, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 1, 2001. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1
24th Revised Sheet No. 16T, Canceling 23rd Revised Sheet No. 16T

2. That Staff of the Commission shall submit the results of its review of the documentation supporting the ACA factor and its recommendations on or before June 1, 2002.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2001.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of October, 2001.

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 29th day of Oct. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

