

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
January 31, 2001**

**CASE NO: GR-2001-397**

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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 United Cities Gas Company's )	
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Revisions to )	<u>Case No. GR-2001-397</u>
Be Reviewed in Its 2000-2001 Actual Cost )	Tariff No. 200100752
Adjustment )	

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

On January 26, 2001, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed its Request for an Emergency Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) Review of United Cities Gas Company's (United Cities') Purchasing Practices for the Winter 2000-2001 and Motion for Expedited Treatment. The Commission notes that a similar request was filed in Case No. GR-2001-382 involving the purchasing practices of Missouri Gas Energy.

In Case No. GR-2001-382, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) was directed to respond to Public Counsel's motion and to advise the Commission if an emergency audit is warranted prior to the time that the audit would be performed under the normal ACA process. The Commission also directed Staff to advise if such an audit would be appropriate for each natural gas distributor in the state of Missouri. Because these emergency unscheduled PGA increases will affect many Missourians, not just the residents of United Cities' service area, the Commission will direct its Staff to file a copy in

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this case of its response from Case No. GR-2001-382 regarding a statewide audit of natural gas distributors.

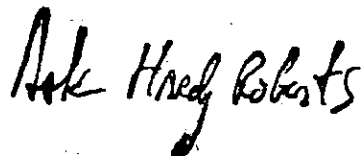
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its response as described herein on or before Friday, February 2, 2001, at 3:00 p.m.

2. That any other responses to the Office of the Public Counsel's motion for an emergency actual cost adjustment review shall be filed no later than February 5, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on January 31, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

( S E A L )

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 31st day of January, 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of Jan. 2001.



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

