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RE: Case No. GR-2001-397

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

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

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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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the matter of United Cities Gas
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment
Tariff Revisions to be Reviewed in Its
2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment

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Case No. GR-2001-397

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PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW United Cities Gas Company ("United Cities" or "Company"), the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and for their proposed procedural schedule, respectfully state as follows:

1. On February 26, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Requiring Filing of Procedural Schedule, wherein the parties were directed to file, no later than March 23, 2001, a proposed procedural schedule to address United Cities' Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited in its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA").

2. Pursuant to the Commission's directive, the undersigned parties propose that the following procedural schedule be established:

May 15, 2002	Staff Recommendation
June 13, 2002	Company Response
July 16, 2002	Direct Testimony (all parties wishing to file)
August 15, 2002	Rebuttal Testimony (all parties wishing to file)
September 10, 2002	Issues List to be filed
September 17, 2002	Surrebuttal Testimony (all parties wishing to file)

September 24, 2002

Position Statements (all parties)

Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2002

Hearing

3. The Staff would note its expectation, as a result of the need to prioritize in allocating scarce resources, that the filing of its recommendation and subsequent documents in the 1999/2000 United Cities ACA case (Case No. GR-2000-392) will be delayed to coincide with the schedule proposed above, and that ultimately the two cases would be consolidated for hearing purposes.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an order adopting the proposed procedural schedule set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that the foregoing Proposed Procedural Schedule has been duly served upon all parties of record to this proceeding, on this 23rd day of March 2001.

Dennis L. Frey

**Service List for
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