

FISCHER & DORITY
PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

Attorneys at Law
Regulatory & Governmental Consultants

101 Madison, Suite 400
Jefferson City, MO 65101
Telephone: (573) 636-6758
Fax: (573) 636-0383

James M. Fischer
Larry W. DORITY

June 15, 2000

FILED³

JUN 15 2001

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Missouri Public
Service Commission

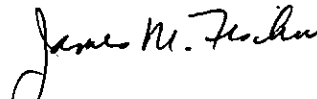
RE: *In the Matter of United Cities Gas Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors
to be reviewed in the 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment, Case No. GR-2001-397.*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of United Cities Gas Company's Request for Variance from Tariff Provisions. A copy of the Request has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

/jr
Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
Dana K. Joyce

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

FILED³
JUN 15 2001

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of United Cities Gas)
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment) Case No. GR-2001-397
Factors to be reviewed in Its 2000-2001)
Actual Cost Adjustment)

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM TARIFF PROVISIONS

COMES NOW United Cities Gas Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation, ("UCG" or "Company"), by and through its attorney, and requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to grant a variance from the provisions of its tariffs, for good cause shown, and permit UCG to file an unscheduled Summer Purchased Gas Adjustment change, rather than delaying its next change in the PGA factor until its next scheduled Winter filing. In support of its Request for Variance, UCG states as follows:

1. Simultaneously with the filing of this Request For Variance, UCG filed its revised PGA tariff (*i.e.*, 10th Revised Sheet No. 58 cancelling 9th Revised Sheet No. 58), which was designed to calculate the Total PGA amount to be recovered in the upcoming period. UCG also filed its supporting workpapers which supported the calculations of the revised PGA factors to be recovered this period under the PGA/ACA process. This filing represents an unscheduled Summer PGA filing.

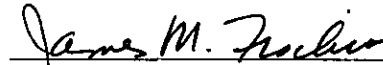
2. Due to recent reductions in natural gas prices, UCG believes that it is reasonable and appropriate to file an unscheduled Summer PGA filing, reducing the cost of gas. If approved, this filing will: (1) give a more accurate price signal to consumers regarding the current cost of natural gas; and (2) help keep the DCCB and the ACA balances at appropriate levels and not create significant over-collections or under-collections that would need to be

reflected in future periods.

3. In order to ensure that UCG's procedure is not in conflict with its tariffs, UCG would respectfully request the Commission to grant it a one-time variance from its tariffs to permit it to make an unscheduled Summer PGA filing at this time.

WHEREFORE, United Cities Gas Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation, respectfully requests the Commission to grant it a variance from the provisions of its tariffs, as discussed herein, and permit the Company to make the unscheduled Summer PGA factor change proposed by UCG at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



James M. Fischer MBN 27543
FISCHER & DORITY, P.C.
101 Madison Street, Suite 400
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
Telephone: (573) 636-6758
Fax: (573) 636-0383
E-mail: jfischerpc@aol.com

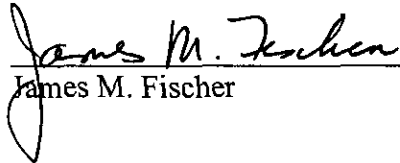
ATTORNEYS FOR
UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY,
A DIVISION OF ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed by First Class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 15th day of June, 2000, to:

Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 7800
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dana K. Joyce
General Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102


James M. Fischer