

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 23, 2001**

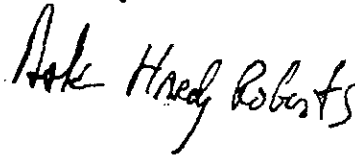
CASE NO: GW-2001-398

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

Sincerely,



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

Uncertified Copies:

To all gas utilities providing service within the state of Missouri (including municipal and rural cooperative utilities offering gas service)

To other participants in the Commission's Natural Gas Roundtables

To all county commissions and county legislatures

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 23rd
day of January, 2001.

In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry)
into Purchased Gas Cost Recovery)

Case No. GW-2001-398

ORDER ESTABLISHING CASE AND CREATING TASK FORCE

Recent price increases in the commodity cost of natural gas have lead to significant increases in the prices paid by customers of natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs). The Commission establishes this case to investigate the process for the recovery of natural gas commodity cost increases by LDCs from their customers. A Natural Gas Commodity Price Task Force will be created to investigate and discuss options on this issue.

The Commission will establish the members of the Task Force in a subsequent order. Anyone wishing to serve on the Task Force or otherwise participate in this case should notify the Commission in the manner explained below. The Commission encourages interested parties to nominate individuals to serve on the Task Force; to advise how the Task Force should be constituted to reflect various stakeholders; and to suggest issues that should be addressed by the Task Force.

The Commission will direct its Records Department to send a copy of this order to all gas utilities providing service within the state of Missouri, including municipal and rural cooperative utilities offering gas service, as well as other participants in the Commission's Natural Gas Roundtables. A copy of this order shall also be sent to all county commissions and county legislatures. The Commission's Information Officer shall send notice of this order to the Office of the Governor, to all

members of the General Assembly, and to the publishers of all major newspapers in the state as listed in the newspaper directory of the current **Official Manual of the State of Missouri.**

The Commission wants to hear from the public on the issues raised herein, and to that end, will direct its Staff to propose general time frames and dates for local public meetings around the state.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. GW-2001-398 is established to investigate the process for the recovery of natural gas commodity cost increases by LDCs from their customers.

2. That a Natural Gas Commodity Price Task Force is established.

3. That applications to serve on the Task Force or otherwise participate in this case shall be filed, no later than February 22, 2001 with:

Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. That the Records Department and the Information Officer shall send notice as directed herein.

5. That the Staff of the Commission shall, no later than March 9, 2001, propose general time frames and dates for local public meetings.

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

BY THE COMMISSION

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

(S E A L)

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

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Att/Sec'y: Mills / Boyce

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Lumpke, Chair

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Schemmmer, Commissioner

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Summons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken: 5-0 AA

Must Vote Not Later Than _____

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 23rd day of Jan. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

