

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
March 6, 2001

**CASE NO: GR-2001-461**

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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

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DCCB until the next PGA change. This will reduce the under-recovery balance that residential customers will pay in the coming months.

On March 2, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its Memorandum and Recommendation in this case. Staff recommended that UtiliCorp's proposed tariff sheets be approved for service on and after March 9, 2001, as an interim rate, subject to refund. Staff further advised the Commission that UtiliCorp has shown good cause such that its tariff sheets should be approved on less than 30 days' notice.

For UtiliCorp's Southern System, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the remainder of the 2001 winter season to \$0.78774 per Ccf from a scheduled winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.58957 per Ccf. For UtiliCorp's Northern System, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the remainder of the 2001 winter season to \$0.86348 per Ccf from a scheduled winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.67027 per Ccf. For UtiliCorp's Eastern System, the effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the remainder of the 2001 winter season to \$1.16476 per Ccf from a scheduled winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.92690 per Ccf.

Staff stated that UtiliCorp's proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with UtiliCorp's PGA Clause. Staff further stated that UtiliCorp's PGA Clause allows for 10 business days' notice for filings reflecting PGA changes and that, under the circumstances, good cause exists to approve the proposed tariff sheets on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the

tariff sheets to become effective March 9, 2001, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in UtiliCorp's ACA Case Nos. GR-99-435, GR-2000-520, and GR-2001-461.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission finds that the tariff sheets conform to the company's Commission-approved PGA Clause and are therefore reasonable. This unscheduled increase in UtiliCorp's rates is necessary because of the current extraordinarily high price of natural gas. If the price of natural gas drops in coming months, the Commission encourages UtiliCorp to file for an unscheduled reduction in its PGA tariffs.

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 sheets should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of March 9, 2001, interim subject to refund.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Tariff No. 200100868, submitted in Case No. GR-2001-461, by Missouri Public Service Company, a division of UtiliCorp United Inc., is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after March 9, 2001. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 5

22nd Revised Sheet No. 43, Canceling 21st Revised Sheet No. 43  
25th Revised Sheet No. 44, Canceling 24th Revised Sheet No. 44  
15th Revised Sheet No. 44.1, Canceling 14th Revised Sheet No. 44.1

2. That this order shall become effective on March 9, 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 and Murray, CC., concur  
Simmons, C., dissents with dissenting opinion to follow  
Schemenauer, C., not participating

Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

Att/Sec'y: Hopkins / Boyce

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Laumpe, Chair

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Draimer, Vice Chair

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Murray, Commissioner

RP  
Schenenauer, Commissioner

KS '00' Dissent to Follow  
Simmons, Commissioner

Agenda Date 3-6 (Good Cause)

Action taken: 3-1AS

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

