The monitoring of LDC purchases of natural gas prices is conducted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC), which does not regulate the price of the natural gas commodity. The wholesale price of the natural gas commodity was fully deregulated by the federal government in 1993. This deregulation initiated local natural gas distribution companies (LDCs) to purchase their supplies on an open market at market prices. The PSC monitors LDC purchasing decisions. The PSC continues to review the gas purchasing practices of the distribution companies in terms of reasonableness and prudence.

**SUMMARY**

The wholesale price of the natural gas commodity was fully deregulated by the federal government in 1993. Local natural gas distribution companies (LDCs) do not produce the gas they sell but purchase it on an open market at market prices. The Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) does not regulate the price of the natural gas commodity, but does monitor LDC purchasing decisions. The PSC continues to review the gas purchasing practices of the distribution companies in terms of reasonableness and prudence.

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1 Data Source: WSJ, CME
2 Energy Information Administration’s Natural Gas Weekly Update
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Note 1: 1 Million British Thermal Unit (MMBtu) is approximately equal to 1,000 cubic feet.

Note 2: Monthly Natural Gas Prices Based on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) Expiration Prices, Source: WSJ