BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri)				
Gas Utility, Inc., for a Certificate of)				
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a Distribution System)))	Case No. GA-2010-0012			
			to Provide Gas Service in Benton, Morgan,)	YG-2010-0399
			Camden and Miller Counties in Missouri, as a)	
New Certificated Area.)				

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Recommendation, states as follows:

- 1. On December 18, 2009, Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. (MGU) filed tariff sheets with the Commission to comply with the Commission's *Order Granting Certificate of Convenience And Necessity* issued November 12, 2009. MGU also filed tariff sheets that correct typographical errors and change the header information for the purpose of simplifying future tariff filings and lowering the number of tariff sheets MGU must file with each new expansion of the distribution system. MGU's proposed header information change will now reflect a Northern Service Area and a Southern Service Area instead of listing individual counties in the tariff sheet header. The proposed tariff has the required 30 days notice by proposing an effective date of January 17, 2010.
- 2. The Staff has completed its review of MGU's tariff sheets and has determined the proposed tariff sheets comply with the Commission's Order. For the reasons stated in Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, the Staff

recommends MGU's tariff sheets filed on December 18, 2009 be allowed to become effective on January 17, 2010.

WHEREFORE, for the above-stated reasons, Staff respectfully recommends the Commission allow MGU's tariff sheets become effective by operation of law on January 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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