OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)
Complainant,)
V.) <u>Case No. GC-2006-0491</u>
Missouri Pipeline Company, LLC, and Missouri Gas Company, LLC,)))
Respondents.)

ORDER DIRECTING THE MUNICIPAL GAS COMMISSION OF MISSOURI AND STAFF TO RESPOND TO MOTION TO STRIKE

Issue Date: October 24, 2006 Effective Date: October 24, 2006

On October 12, 2006, Missouri Pipeline Company and Missouri Gas Company filed a motion asking the Commission to strike the direct testimony of Eve A. Lissik, the witness for the Municipal Gas Commission of Missouri. That motion alleged that Ms. Lissik was given access to highly confidential information in violation of the Commission's protective order. The motion also alleges that members of the Commission's Staff may have improperly handled highly confidential information.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties no more than ten days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Ten days from the date Missouri Pipeline and Missouri Gas filed their motion was October 22, but no party has yet responded to that motion.

The motion filed by Missouri Pipeline and Missouri Gas makes very serious allegations. Before it rules on that motion, the Commission will require the Municipal Gas Commission of Missouri and Staff to respond.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- The Municipal Gas Commission of Missouri shall respond to Missouri Pipeline
 Company and Missouri Gas Company's Motion to Strike no later than October 27, 2006.
- 2. The Commission's Staff shall respond to Missouri Pipeline Company and Missouri Gas Company's Motion to Strike no later than October 27, 2006.
 - 3. This order shall become effective on October 24, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24th day of October, 2006.