BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of EDF Energy)	
Services, LLC for Certification as a Seller of)	File No. GA-2017-0340
Energy Services in the State of Missouri)	

STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Motion for Extension of Time to File Recommendation ("Motion") states as follows:

- On June 15, 2017, EDF Energy Services, LLC ("EDF"), filed an application with the Commission for certification as a seller of energy services in the state of Missouri.
- 2. Also on June 15, 2017, the Commission issued, by delegation of authority, an Order directing Staff to file a recommendation regarding EDF's application no later than June 30, 2017.
- In Case No. GO-2004-0195¹, on February 24, 2005, Staff filed its Energy 3. Sellers Report ("Report") resulting from its investigation regarding "sellers" providing "energy services" as defined by Sections 393.297 - 393.302, RSMo.² At that time, based on its investigation Staff concluded that certification of sellers involving "upstream" natural gas transactions (where title to the natural gas passes before the city-gate) is not required under the statutes and that the evidence that "downstream" (after the city-gate) passage of title was not occurring made certification unnecessary.

¹ In the Matter of an Investigation into Compliance with the Required Registration of Sellers of Electricity and Gas for Use or Consumption within Missouri.

See also 4 CSR 240-3.285.

- 4. Based on the analysis and reasoning contained in the Report, on May 7, 2009, in Case No. GA-2009-0384³, Staff filed its suggestion that the application of U.S. Energy Services, Inc. for certification as a seller of energy services in the state of Missouri be dismissed, and on June 18, 2009, the Commission issued an *Order Dismissing Application* in which it stated that "Staff explains that the statute applies only to energy sellers who transfer title to gas downstream of an LDC's city gate" and "the Commission finds [Staff's] recommendation persuasive."
- 5. Based on EDF's application it is impossible to determine exactly what "energy services" EDF proposes to provide or where (upstream or downstream of citygate) it proposes to provide those "energy services." Therefore, Staff needs additional time to conduct discovery and analyze EDF's responses before providing a recommendation in this matter. Given that the Commission's rule governing discovery, 4 CSR 240-2.090(2) provides parties twenty (20) days to answer data requests, at this time Staff believes it will need an additional forty-five (45) days to prepare and file its recommendation in this matter.

Additional problems with application

6. EDF's application contains no evidence that it is properly registered to do business in the state of Missouri. In addition, 4 CSR 240-3.285 requires gas sellers seeking certification pursuant to 393.297 - 393.302, RSMo, to provide a list of each political subdivision in which it sells gas; however, EDF's application contains a list of LDC service territories in which it plans to potentially serve rather than a list of political subdivisions.

³ In the Matter of the Application of U.S. Energy Services, Inc. for Certification as a Seller of Energy Services in the State of Missouri.

WHEREFORE, Staff moves the Commission for an order granting Staff until

August 14, 2017, to file its recommendation regarding EDF's application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 27th day of June, 2017.

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