OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation into the Status of
Missouri's Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies'
Compliance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-40.018.

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

Issue Date: December 12, 2005 Effective Date: December 12, 2005

On September 12, 2005, the Public Counsel filed his Motion to Open a New Case, wherein he prayed that the Commission would "open a case for the purpose of investigating the status of natural gas utilities' compliance with 4 CSR 240-40.018, and that it take evidence on the record concerning that compliance." On September 26, the Commission granted Public Counsel's motion and issued its Order Establishing Case to investigate "the status of natural gas utilities' compliance with 4 CSR 240-40.018." All Missouri Local Distribution Companies ("LDCs") – the companies that actually sell natural gas to consumers – were made parties to this case.

Pending is the Application of the Attorney General, on behalf of the State of Missouri, to intervene herein. That application has been pending since October 24 and no party has objected to it. Accordingly, the Commission will grant it.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the Application of the Attorney General for intervention herein, filed on
 October 24, 2005, is granted. The Commission's Data Center shall add the Attorney
 General to the service list maintained in this case.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 12, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12th day of December, 2005.