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Missouri Public Service Commission

Re: GW-2007-0397

Dear Mr. Martin:

As you are aware, we have opened a case to gather information regarding natural gas capacity restrictions on transmission and distribution systems and collateral issues. In order to collect relevant information, we have scheduled an opportunity for you to discuss, on-the-record, your company's experience and perspective on natural gas capacity restrictions on April 27, 2007, at 1:00pm in PSC Hearing Room 305. This discussion will likely include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Have you or the LDC been contacted by any developers, potential gas customers or other entities inquiring about becoming a general service customer on your distribution system to meet their natural gas requirements?
- 2) If yes, were there instances where the capacity required to meet the needs of the new general service customer was not available on the distribution system?
- 3) If the availability of capacity was a concern, please fully explain this concern.
- 4) Have you or the LDC been contacted by developers, potential gas customers or any other entities asking about becoming a transportation service customer on your distribution system? If yes, please detail and discuss any concerns the parties had about access to capacity on an interstate pipeline.

- Was the information provided by the developer, potential gas customer or other entity adequate to make a determination of the availability of capacity to meet the needs of the transportation service customer? If not, please discuss and describe the additional information that was needed.
- 6) If there is a constraint on the distribution system, what process do you go through to evaluate the necessary system upgrades to serve the potential customer's requirements?
- 7) If there is a constraint on the interstate pipeline system, what process do you go through with the interstate pipeline to assess the changes necessary to serve the potential customer's requirements?

Thank you for your participation in this discussion. Your information is very important in increasing awareness of the requirements for pipeline development of capacity to meet the future needs of economic development in Missouri. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any/questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Clayton III Commissioner

Steve Gaw Commissioner