

**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 Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in Pettis and Benton Counties, Missouri, as a New Certificated Area)
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File No. GA-2010-0289

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File No. GA-2010-0290

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File No. GA-2010-0291

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

Issue Date: June 1, 2010

Effective Date: June 1, 2010

On April 19, 2010, Missouri Gas Utility filed three applications as described in the above captions. On May 13, Missouri Gas Utility filed a motion to consolidate the cases. MGU points out that all three applications are for certificates of convenience and necessity, related to its Warsaw expansion. MGU thus asserts that the applications involve related questions of law or fact and should be consolidated. MGU further states that the Staff of the Commission does not oppose the motion.

When pending actions involve related questions of law or fact, Commission rule 4 CSR 240.110(3) allows the Commission to order a joint hearing of any or all the matters at issue. Also, the Commission “may make other orders concerning cases before it to avoid unnecessary costs or delay.”

Consolidating these cases would not cause any harm. Further, to do so, would allow for one pleading to be filed rather than three separate pleadings, which more than likely will be duplicates. To avoid the filing of duplicate pleadings where one would suffice, the Commission will consolidate these matters.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Missouri Gas Utility’s Motion to Consolidate is granted.
2. File Nos. GA-2010-0289, GA-2010-0290 and GA-2010-0291 are consolidated, with GA-2010-0289 being the lead case.
3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of June, 2010.