

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of an Investigation into the	)	
Status of Missouri's Natural Gas Local	)	
Distribution Companies' Compliance with	)	Case No. GW-2006-0110
Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-40.018	)	

**STAFF FILING OF  
MATERIALS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THIS CASE**

Comes now the Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri, and states:

1. The Commission has opened this case, on motion of the Office of the Public Counsel, to investigate the status of natural gas utilities' compliance with 4 CSR 240-40.018, which is the Commission's rule on natural gas volatility mitigation.

2. At the October 5, 2005, prehearing in this case, the parties agreed to file in this case the presentations that each of the LDCs has made to the Commission in its recent agenda sessions, and Staff agreed to file reports from prior Commission investigations to provide additional background on the subject.

3. Accordingly, Staff attaches for filing in this case:

- a. The Staff's Gas Purchasing/Cost Recovery Project Team Report, originally submitted in July, 1994 (Attachment A);
- b. The Final Report of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Natural Gas Commodity Price Task Force, originally submitted on August 29, 2001, in Case No. GW-2001-398 (Attachment B);

- c. The Final Report of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Cold Weather Rule and Long-Term Energy Affordability Task Force, originally submitted March 31, 2005 in Case No. GW-2005-0452 (Attachment C).

WHEREFORE, the Staff files the above-listed documents in this case to provide additional background information for the Commission and the parties in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

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