

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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy and)
Its Tariff Filing to Implement a General Rate)
Increase for Natural Gas Service)

File No. GR-2009-0355

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: December 15, 2009

Effective Date: December 15, 2009

On December 14, 2009,¹ the Office of the Public Counsel (hereafter "OPC) filed a Motion for Extension of Time. Post-hearing briefs are due today, December 15. OPC asks for an extension of time until December 18 for the parties to file their briefs. OPC further asks for an extension of time until January 5, 2010, for the parties to file their reply and true-up briefs.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows ten days to respond to motions. However, because OPC's request for relief involves a time period before the ten-day limit, and because OPC indicates no party objects, the Commission will rule on the motion immediately.

The Commission finds OPC's motion reasonable, and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Motion for Extension of Time is granted.
2. Initial post-hearing briefs shall be filed no later than December 18, 2009.
3. Reply briefs and true-up briefs shall be filed no later than January 5, 2010.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, calendar references are to 2009.

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of December, 2009.