

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

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas )  
Utility, Inc. for Authority to Enter into Certain Debt )  
Instruments and to Issue up to and Including )  
\$7,000,000 of Indebtedness, in one or More )  
Transactions, and to, Among Other Things, Execute )  
and Deliver a Mortgage and Security Agreement to )  
Secure said Indebtedness. )

**Case No. GF-2009-0057**

**STATUS REPORT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and states as follows:

1. On August 25, 2008, Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. (MGU) filed its application with the Commission seeking permission to issue some \$7,000,000 in debt, and to pledge its Missouri operating assets as collateral.

2. On September 2, 2008, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing ordering the Staff to file either a Recommendation or a Status Report regarding the Recommendation no later than October 2, 2008.

3. Staff and MGU have held teleconferences on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and September 29<sup>th</sup> for purpose of discussing this matter. Staff issued several data requests in this case and has received responses to these data requests. Staff and MGU are continuing discussions as a result of the initial information provided in response to the data requests and the information provided with the application. To that end, the Staff anticipates filing either its Recommendation or another Status Report not later than October 30, 2008.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its status report as directed by Commission Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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