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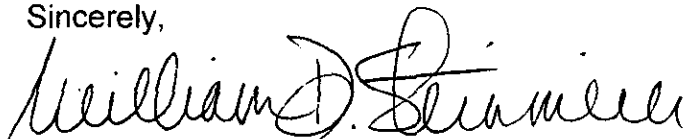
RE: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Gateway Pipeline Company, Inc.
Missouri Gas Company and Missouri Pipeline Company
MoPSC Case No. GM-2001-585

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of CMS Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company in the above matter, please find an original and eight (8) copies of its Application to Intervene.

Please do not hesitate to call me directly at 659-8672 if you have any questions in this matter.

Sincerely,



William D. Steinmeier

Enclosures

cc: MoPSC General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel
Counsel of Record
Mr. Geoffrey A. Emerson

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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**APPLICATION OF CMS PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPELINE COMPANY
TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW CMS Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company ("Panhandle Eastern" or "Panhandle") and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075, applies to intervene in the above-captioned matter and to become a party herein. In support thereof, Panhandle Eastern states as follows:

1. Panhandle Eastern is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal office located at 5444 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas (TX) 77056. Panhandle Eastern is engaged in the sale, transportation and delivery of natural gas in interstate commerce, under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and sells and delivers natural gas supplies to various points within the State of Missouri.

2. Communications in regard to this Application should be addressed to:

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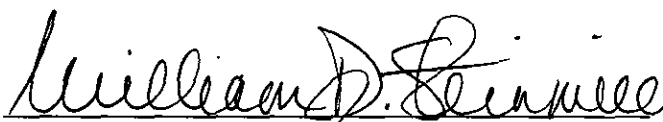
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3. In this proceeding, Gateway Pipeline Company, Inc. ("Gateway"), Missouri Gas Company ("MGC") and Missouri Pipeline Company ("MPC") filed a joint application asking the Missouri Public Service Commission to find that it lacks jurisdiction to approve Gateway's proposed acquisition of all the outstanding shares of capital stock of UtiliCorp Pipeline Systems, Inc., the non-regulated parent of both MGC and MPC. In the alternative, the applicants requested that the Commission approve the proposed transaction pursuant to Section 393.190(2) RSMo 2000.

4. Panhandle Eastern is requesting permission to intervene in this proceeding because MPC is the link between Panhandle and the St. Louis area natural gas market. Panhandle has an interconnection with MPC in Pike County, Missouri. Panhandle provides natural gas transportation services to Laclede Gas, AmerenUE and UtiliCorp United through MPC's facilities. Panhandle's continued presence in the St. Louis area is impacted by MPC and its services. As a result, Panhandle Eastern has a direct and substantial interest in ensuring that MPC and its owners are willing and able to safely and efficiently interconnect with Panhandle Eastern. For these reasons, Panhandle Eastern's interest in this matter is different from that of the general public and may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. At this point in the proceeding, Panhandle Eastern has not determined whether it will support or oppose the relief sought by the Applicants herein and, therefore, is unsure of the position it will take in this matter.

WHEREFORE, CMS Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant its Application to Intervene and allow it to become a party to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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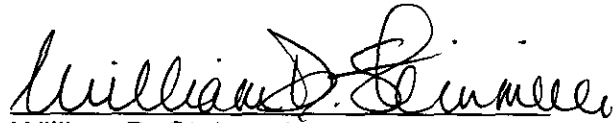
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been hand delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to all counsel of record, including the Office of the General Counsel of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and to the Office of Public Counsel, on this 7th day of June, 2001.


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