

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

In the Matter of a General Rate Increase)
for Natural Gas Service Provided by)
Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.)

Case No. GR-2008-0060

**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS
REGARDING TEST YEAR AND TRUE-UP**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel, and for its recommendations regarding test year and true-up states:

1. On September 6, 2007, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariffs, Setting Hearings, and Directing Filings*. The Commission's *Order* directed the Staff, Public Counsel and any intervenors to file recommendations on Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.'s (MGU) test year and any true-up request no later than October 1, 2007.

2. MGU recommended that the Commission establish the twelve months ending March 31, 2007; the end of MGU's most recent fiscal year, as the test year. Public Counsel concurs with MGU's recommendation to establish the twelve months ending March 31, 2007 as the test year.

3. Public Counsel needs additional information from MGU before it can offer a recommendation on the need for an update or true-up. Public Counsel discussed this matter with MGU and the Staff, and believes the conference scheduled for October 10, 2007 will afford the parties an opportunity to discuss this matter further and determine the need for updates.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully offers these recommendations regarding test year and true-up.

Respectfully submitted,

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