

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas Utility,)
Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own,)
Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a Natural Gas) **Case No. GO-2005-0120**
Distribution System to Provide Natural Gas Service in)
Parts of Harrison, Daviess and Caldwell Counties, to)
Acquire the Gallatin and Hamilton, Missouri, Natural)
Gas Systems, and to Encumber the Acquired Assets.)

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: June 10, 2005

Effective Date: June 10, 2005

On December 14, 2004, the Commission issued its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement. Pursuant to the Stipulation and Agreement, the Commission's Staff is to complete an audit of Missouri Gas Utility (MGU) no later than July 1, 2005.

On June 8, 2005, Staff filed a Motion to Extend Audit Filing Date. Staff notes that the purpose of the audit is to compare MGU's current "margin" rate to the actual level of costs covered by that rate. Staff has sent Data Requests to MGU. MGU has informed Staff that it does not expect the external audit of its financial results for the period ending March 31, 2005, to be complete until around July 2005. Staff indicates that both Staff and MGU desire to have a minimum of three months audited financial statements available for the Staff audit. Staff therefore requests an extension of the audit filing deadline from July 1, 2005, to September 1, 2005. Staff indicates that MGU, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Cities of Gallatin and Hamilton concur in this request.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's request and finds that it is reasonable. The Commission will therefore grant an extension of time for the filing of the Staff Audit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the deadline for the commission's Staff to file its audit is extended from July 1, 2005, to September 1, 2005.
2. That this order shall become effective on June 10, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of June, 2005.