

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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)	Case No. GO-2005-0120
natural gas 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.)	

STAFF’S MOTION TO EXTEND AUDIT FILING DATE

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and on behalf of all of the Parties respectfully submits as follows:

1. Staff’s audit of the margin rates of Missouri Gas Utility (MGU) is currently due no later than September 1, 2005. Staff has propounded data requests to MGU regarding this matter to which MGU has now responded. The last outstanding data requests were answered by MGU on August 16, 2005. The answers to these data requests have raised additional questions. Staff is currently discussing these questions with MGU. These issues include what appears to be extraordinary customer growth in MGU’s General Service class of customers since MGU purchased the Gallatin and Hamilton systems in late December 2002, as well as other weather normalization issues. Treatment of these matters is made more difficult by the fact that only a few months of financial information concerning MGU’s operations is available to the Staff. A limited amount of additional audit work will be necessary to continue to discuss these issues with MGU and seek to resolve them. Accordingly, Staff requests an extension of the audit filing deadline from September 1, 2005 to September 15, 2005.

2. Staff has been in contact with counsel for MGU, the Office of the Public Counsel and the Cities of Gallatin and Hamilton. All concur in this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission extend the filing date of the Staff Audit from September 1, 2005 to September 15, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 18th day of August, 2005.

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