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 DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 19, 2005 Effective Date: December 19, 2005

On December 14, 2004, the Commission issued its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement. Among other things, the order directed the Commission's Staff to complete an audit of Missouri Gas Utility (MGU) no later than July 1, 2005. At Staff's request, this date has been extended several times, with the most recent deadline being November 29, 2005.

Staff filed its Status Report on November 29, 2005. Staff notes that it is currently waiting for MGU's corrected first quarter 2005 financial statements and results from the second and third quarter of 2005. Staff indicates that once it receives this information, Staff will update its margin rate revenue requirements.

The Commission will direct Staff to continue to file monthly status reports until its audit is filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Commission's Staff shall file another status report or its audit no later than January 4, 2006. Staff shall continue to file monthly status reports until its audit is filed.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on December 19, 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 19th day of December, 2005.