

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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's)	
Tariff Sheets Designed to Increase Rates)	
for Gas Service in the Company's)	Case No. GR-2009-0355
Missouri Service Area.)	

**LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING RECOMMENDATIONS
AND MOTION TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel and offers the following recommendations on dates and locations for local public hearings:

1. The Commission's April 6, 2009, *Suspension Order and Notice* directs the parties and interveners to file recommendations as to the dates and locations for local public hearings no later than June 4, 2009.

2. The Commission's Information Services Department assisted Public Counsel with identifying locations with facilities that would allow the Commission to webcast the public hearings. Public Counsel recommends holding five local public hearings in the cities of Independence, Joplin, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Warrensburg. These locations have facilities capable of webcasting the public hearings.

3. The procedural schedule establishes the dates of September 8, 2009 through September 11, 2009 for local public hearing. Public Counsel requests that the Commission modify the procedural schedule to allow public hearings to be held on August 31, 2009 and September 1, 2009. This modification will allow more public hearings during the evening, which is necessary because daytime public hearings are not suitable for the selected high school and university locations.

4. Subject to availability, Public Counsel proposes the following local public hearing schedule:

Missouri Southern State University
3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, MO 64801
August 31, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

University of Central Missouri
601 Missouri, Warrensburg, MO 64093
September 1, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Missouri Western University
4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507
September 8, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Kansas City Public Library
14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105
September 9, 2009, 12:00 p.m.

Independence Public Schools
[Specific high school location to be determined], Independence, MO
September 9, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

5. Prior to filing this proposal, Public Counsel solicited input from all other parties and interveners. Public Counsel is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission approve these recommendations for local public hearings.

Respectfully submitted,
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