

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

In the Matter of an Investigation into the)	
Status of Missouri's natural Gas Local)	
Distribution Companies' Compliance with)	Case No. GW-2006-0110
Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-40.018)	

REPORT

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and files the attached Report of the Parties in this case.

1. The Commission established this case on September 27, 2005, in response to a motion by the Office of the Public Counsel. The stated purpose of the case was to investigate the status of natural gas utilities' compliance with 4 CSR 240-40.018. The Commission made all Missouri local distribution companies parties to the case.

2. The attached report is a consensus document, and contains additional comments of individual participants. The report should not be construed as a statement of position by any participant that the recommendations of the consensus report are necessary or sufficient to address the problems posed by the current environment of high natural gas prices. In any future proceeding to address the recommendations of the report, each participant will provide specific comments on specific proposals.

3. The Staff and other parties are prepared to discuss the report with the Commission either in a regular agenda meeting, or in a separately scheduled hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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