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

**In the Matter of an Investigation into Compliance )  
with the Required Registration of Sellers of Electricity )  
and Gas for use or Consumption within Missouri. )**

**Case No. GO-2004-0195**

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY GAS SERVICES, INC.**

COMES NOW CenterPoint Energy Gas Services, Inc. ("Centerpoint") and respectfully submits its Application to Intervene in this proceeding pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075. In support of its Application, Centerpoint states as follows:

1. On December 9, 2003 the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its ORDER OPENING CASE, ADDING PARTIES, DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE in the above referenced docket.

2. The Commission made several entities parties to this matter including, but not limited to MRT Energy Mkt.. - Noram Energy Services, MRT Energy Marketing Company and MRT Energy Marketing Company - Noram Energy Services (hereinafter the "MRT Energy" entities).

3. Centerpoint is a corporation that has merged and assumed the business of the MRT Energy entities.

4. Centerpoint has a principal business address of 1111 Louisiana Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 and has offices in Missouri at 470 N. Kirkwood Road, Suite 200, Kirkwood, Missouri 63122.

5. Centerpoint is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and is a corporation in good standing duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri as a foreign corporation.

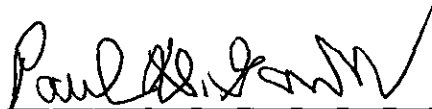
6. Centerpoint's interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public and its interests cannot be adequately represented by any entity named as a party to this case.

7. Granting Centerpoint's Application to Intervene will be in the public interest in that Centerpoint is in a position to answer inquiries concerning the MRT Energy entities and whether those entities and/or Centerpoint are providing "energy services" which require certification under Sections 393.297 to 393.302 RSMo 2000.

8. Pursuant to CSR 240-2.075(2), Centerpoint believes that it is not subject to the certification requirements of Sections 393.297 to 393.302 RSMo 2000.

9. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications should be sent to Paul H. Gardner, Goller, Gardner and Feather, PC, 131 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

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