

**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 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.)
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Case No. GO-2005-0120

STAFF’S STATUS REPORT

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

1. Staff has received financial information from MGU for the six months ended June 2005, as well as additional information for the three months ended September 2005.
2. Staff is waiting for certain additional information from MGU to verify the tentative results of its audit.
3. Staff expects to finalize its audit by the end of January, 2006. Staff will then advise the Commission of the results of its audit.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully reports the status of Staff’s Audit.

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 29th day of December, 2005.

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