

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

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| In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's |) | |
| Proposed Tariff Sheets to Administer |) | Case No. GT-2008-0005 |
| Natural Gas Conservation Program. |) | |

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission")
and for its Response, states as follows:

1. On July 16, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing ordering the Staff to file its recommendation and response to the Office of the Public Counsel's Motion to Suspend Tariff and Motion to Take Administrative Notice no later than July 25, 2007.
2. The Staff reports to the Commission that the parties have been engaged in fruitful settlement discussions regarding this matter and that a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation") with pertinent tariff sheets is expected to be filed this week.
3. Therefore, the Staff anticipates filing its Recommendation within a week after the filing of the Stipulation. Accordingly, and in light of the progress made by the parties toward settlement, the Staff asks that the Commission defer the filing of its response to Public Counsel's motions.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept its Response in this matter for the reasons stated above.

Respectfully submitted,

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