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

In the matter of the application of Missouri Gas	)		
Utility, Inc., for a certificate of convenience and	)		
necessity authorizing it to construct, install, own,	)		
operate, control, manage and maintain a natural	)	Case No.	
gas distribution system to provide gas service in	)		
Daviess County, Missouri, as a further	)		
expansion of its existing certified area.	)		

## **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. (MGU or Applicant), by and through its counsel, and as its Application pursuant to §393.170, RSMo (2000), 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.205, for a certificate of convenience and necessity, respectfully states as follows:

- 1. Applicant is Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. MGU's principal office is located at 7810 Shaffer Parkway, Suite 120, Littleton, CO 80127.
- 2. MGU is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado. A copy of a certificate from the Missouri Secretary of State that MGU is authorized to do business in Missouri as a foreign corporation is attached hereto as **Appendix A**. Other than cases that have been docketed at the Commission, MGU has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court within the past three (3) years that involve customer service or rates. MGU has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.
- 3. MGU conducts the business of a "gas corporation" and provides natural gas service in the Missouri counties of Harrison, Daviess and Caldwell, subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission).

4. All correspondence, communications, notices, orders and decisions of the Commission with respect to this matter should be sent to the undersigned counsel and:

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- 5. Landmark Manufacturing Corp. (Landmark) has requested that MGU provide natural gas service to its facility located within Section 30, Township 59 North, Range 26 West in Daviess County. This is an area where MGU currently does not hold a certificate for natural gas service from the Commission. The line to serve Landmark will begin in Section 9, Township 59 North, Range 27 West, then proceed east along a county road, various easements, and the right-of-way of US Highway 6 for a distance of 3.2 miles, then turn south and proceed an additional 3 miles south along county roads and easements to the Landmark facility.
- 6. For its entire length, this line will lie along Section lines, and MGU requests an order from the Commission granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity in the sections immediately on both sides of the line. These sections would be Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 24 and 25 in Township 59 North, Range 27 West and Sections 7, 18, 19 and 30 in Township 59 North, Range 26 West. In addition, MGU is also requesting an order from the Commission granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity in Section 22 and all of Sections 23, 26 and 27 in Township 59 North, Range 27 West. Granting the territory requested above along the line to Landmark will cause these last 4 Sections to be surrounded on 3 sides by area where MGU holds the certificate, and granting the certificate for these 4 sections will square off the MGU area on the east side of Gallatin, MO, as shown on the map attached as **Appendix B** attached hereto.

MGU stands ready, if necessary, to serve any potential customers in these sections, under the terms of its Main Extension tariff, as set forth on Sheets 72 - 76.

- 7. Attached hereto and marked as **Appendix B** is a map of the location of the proposed service area as described above. MGU already has a certificate from the Commission to serve all sections in Township 59 North, Range 27 West which are immediately west of and adjacent to the requested sections, in addition to numerous other sections in Daviess County.
- 8. The metes and bounds legal description of the proposed boundaries of the certificated area in Daviess County are as follows:
  - Section 11, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 12, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 13, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 14, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 22, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 23, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 24, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 25, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 26, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 27, Township 59 North, Range 27 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 7, Township 59 North, Range 26 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 18, Township 59 North, Range 26 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 19, Township 59 North, Range 26 West in Daviess County, Missouri. Section 30, Township 59 North, Range 26 West in Daviess County, Missouri.

- 9. Attached hereto and marked as <u>Appendix C</u> is a feasibility study and description of the plans and specifications for the project including the estimated cost of construction and estimated revenues during the first three years. No external financing is anticipated for construction related to this area. Construction methods will follow MGU's customary standards and the rules of the Commission.
- 10. Attached hereto and marked as **Appendix D** is a list of ten persons residing in or who are landowners within the proposed service area.
- 11. Because MGU does not have a certificate from the Commission for the area where the potential customers are located, it is necessary for MGU to obtain the requisite permission from the Commission.
- 12. Applicant will not require any franchises or permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities in connection with the proposed construction other than the usual and customary state highway, railroad and county road permits which will be obtained prior to construction.
- 13. Applicant's existing rates and regulations for natural gas service contained in its tariff, as the same may change from time to time pursuant to law, will apply to service in the proposed area.
- 14. The area in which MGU is seeking to be certificated hereby is expected to develop and require natural gas service. Service from a natural gas supplier is not available in this area at the present time. Since MGU has the ability to provide service in this area by construction of additions to existing facilities, MGU believes that potential new customers should be afforded the opportunity to take service from MGU if they so desire, pursuant to

MGU's extension rule. These facts support a finding that the granting of the application is required by the public convenience and necessity.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests an order from the Commission granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain a system for the provision of natural gas service to the public pursuant to its approved rates, rules and regulations, in the Sections listed above in Township 59 N, Range 26 West and Township 59 North, Range 27 West, in Daviess County, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail to the following counsel this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007:

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