BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Factors to be Audited in its 2002-2003 Actual Cost Adjustment.

Case No. GR-2003-0330 et al.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE PREHEARING BRIEF

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Commission's General Counsel, and hereby moves the Commission for an Extension of Time Within Which to File its Prehearing Brief. In further support thereof, Staff states:

1. Pursuant to the Procedural Schedule now in force, the Prehearing Briefs are due tomorrow, August 18, 2005.

2. Due to the press of other business, particularly, the unexpected and sudden temporary assignment of the lead Staff attorney to duty on the Commission's Advisory Staff, Staff is unable to file its Prehearing Brief by August 18, 2006.

3. Staff requests an extension until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2006, or until such other time as is convenient for the Commission.

4. Staff counsel has contacted counsel for all of the other parties hereto and they have stated that they have no objection to the granting of this request.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Commission's General Counsel, and hereby moves the Commission for an Extension of Time Within Which to File its Prehearing Brief, until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2006, or until such other time as is convenient for the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been mailed, handdelivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 17^{th} day of August, 2006.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson