BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas) Utility, Inc., for Authority to Enter into Certain) Debt Instruments and to Issue up to and Including) \$26,400,000 of Long-Term Indebtedness, in One or) More Transactions, and to, Among Other Things,) Execute and Deliver a Mortgage and Security) Agreement to Secure Said Indebtedness.)

Case No. GF-2010-0334

MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its motion respectfully states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On July 16, 2010, Missouri Gas Utility, Inc., (MGU or Company) filed its *First Amended Application* (*Application*) requesting Commission approval to enter into \$26,400,000 of indebtedness, with such indebtedness secured by a mortgage, lien and encumbrance upon its Missouri operating properties as stated within the *Application*.

2. On July 21, 2010, the Commission directed the Staff to file a recommendation on MGU's *Application* no later than August 20, 2010.

3. The Staff has reviewed and investigated MGU's *Application*, and believes the Staff's recommendation is very close to completion. However, an unfortunate death in Mr. David Murray's family has left him unavailable this week, and part of next week, to finalize the recommendation.

4. The undersigned attempted to contact the counsel for MGU this afternoon to determine the date by which the Company will close on the agreements as described in the *Application*, however counsel was unavailable. The Staff will update the closing information

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with the Commission as soon as possible, and at this time requests until August 31, 2010, to file its recommendation in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits this motion for the Commission's information and consideration, and requests that the Commission issue an order allowing the Staff until August 31, 2010, to file its recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing has been mailed first class postage prepaid, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel/parties of record this 20th day of August, 2010.

/s/ Jennifer Hernandez