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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of)			
the City of Fulton, Missouri,)			
for Approval in Accordance with)			
4 CSR 240-40.030(4)(HH)3, that)	Case 1	No.	GO-2000-279
It Was Impracticable to Construct)	<u></u>		
an Emergency Replacement to)			
Accommodate Instrumented Inspection)			
Devices.)			

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND DIRECTING FILING

On October 15, 1999, the City of Fulton (City), filed its application for approval by the Commission under 4 CSR 240-40.030(4)(HH)3, that it was impracticable for the City to construct an emergency replacement section in its natural gas distribution pipeline in such a way as to accommodate instrumented internal inspection devices.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the effective date of this order to file a motion for leave to intervene or to file comments addressing whether or not it will benefit consumers, is in the public interest, and is not contrary to state law, that the approval requested herein be granted. The Commission determines that notice of this application should be given by the Commission's Records Department to the County Commission of Callaway County, Missouri. The Commission further determines that the

Information Officer of the Commission should provide notice of this Application to the members of the General Assembly representing Callaway County, Missouri, and to the newspapers which serve Callaway County, Missouri, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri.

The requirement of a hearing is met when an opportunity to be heard has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d, 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). If there are no requests for a hearing, relief may be granted based on the verified petition.

The Commission has also determined that the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) shall investigate the circumstances of the City's application and file its report with the Commission, including its recommendation as to whether or not the approval sought herein should be granted and whether any conditions ought to be imposed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this Application to the County Commission of Callaway County, Missouri.
- 2. That the Information Officer of the Commission shall provide notice of this Application to the members of the General Assembly representing persons residing within Callaway County, Missouri, and to the newspapers which serve Callaway County, Missouri,

as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri.

3. That any party wishing to intervene, request a hearing, or to file comments in this matter shall file an application, or shall file their written comments, no later than November 15, 1999, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Tim Brady, Esq.
Brady & Crane, L.L.C.
411 Court Street
Fulton, Missouri 65251

and:

Office of the Public Counsel Post Office Box 7800 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) shall investigate the circumstances of the City's application and, on or before November 24, 1999, file its report with the Commission, including its recommendation as to whether or not the approval sought herein should be granted and whether any conditions ought to be imposed.

5. That this order shall become effective on November 4, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of October, 1999.

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