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STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 31st day of July, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of MCN Corporation)	
d/b/a MCN Energy Group Inc., a Michigan Corpora-)	Case No. GO-98-17
tion, for Certification Pursuant to Section 33(a)(2))	
of the Public Utility Holding Act of 1935.)	
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ORDER DENYING MOTION TO EXPEDITE

On July 11, 1997, MCN Corporation d/b/a MCN Energy Group Inc., (MCN) filed an application for certification pursuant to Section 33(a)(2) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. MCN proposes to invest an additional \$150 million in Torrent Power Private Limited (TPPL) which is located in India. The Commission previously issued a certification for MCN to invest \$70 million in TPPL in Case No. GO-97-352. MCN, a Michigan corporation, is a diversified energy holding company with natural gas markets and investments throughout North America. MCN has a 47.5 percent ownership interest in Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. which serves 15 communities in Southern Missouri.

MCN filed a Motion to Expedite Approval with its application. MCN requested that the Commission issue its order by August 1, 1997, certifying that MCN has the authority and resources to protect ratepayers subject to Commission jurisdiction, that the Commission intends to exercise that jurisdiction, and that its Executive Secretary will send the appropriate letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission. MCN stated the opportunities for investment in India require quick action and flexibility in timing. In this case, MCN will have partners from India in the

United States during the week of July 28 to August 1, 1997, for final consummation of the planned investment.

The Commission's Staff filed a response to MCN's motion on July 21. Staff stated MCN's request allows only 21 days for the Staff to file its recommendation and for the Commission to issue its order. Staff needed 27 days to complete its review and file its recommendation in MCN's last application, Case No. GO-97-352, despite its attempt to comply with MCN's request for urgency. Staff believes that because of other demands, the earliest date Staff can complete its recommendation in this case is August 1, 1997. That time frame is still six days less than the time needed to complete the recommendation in GO-97-352. Staff requests the Commission deny the Motion to Expedite.

The Commission has reviewed the Motion to Expedite and the Staff's response and finds that the motion should be denied. The Motion to Expedite allows only 21 days for Staff to investigate, for Staff to file its recommendation, for the Commission to review Staff's recommendation along with the entirety of the file, and for the Commission to draft and issue a final order. The motion does not state good cause for this type of expedited treatment. Nevertheless, the Commission will proceed in this matter as expeditiously as its docket will permit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Expedited Approval filed by MCN Corporation d/b/a MCN Energy Group Inc. on July 11, 1997 is denied.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 12, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Cecil I. Wright Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., Crumpton, Murray, Lumpe and Drainer, CC., concur.

ALJ: George