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(B) As the commission deems appropriate, or upon the filing of a request for mediation by any party, mediation services may be provided by a presiding officer or by a neutral third party for the purpose of identifying the issues and attempting a resolution.

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(4) The commission may order parties to engage in alternative dispute resolution with a commission authorized mediator. [1]

The Commission will grant that request and refer this action to mediation. A Commission-appointed mediator will contact the parties for setting up the mediation.

C. Schedule

Further, in the motion, GMO asks the Commission to suspend the schedule set forth in the Commission's order dated December 9, 2009. The Commission's regulations provide:

(2) Mediation.

(A) The commission may order that mediation proceed in a complaint case before any further proceeding in such case.

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(5) At any time, upon the request for mediation or upon the issuance of an order requiring mediation, the commission may order that all other actions on the case cease and all time limitations be tolled pending the completion of mediation process.[2]

¹ 4 CSR 240-2.125.

² *Id.*

The Commission will suspend the schedule. Another schedule will issue if mediation does not result in the settlement of all issues.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The name of this file is changed as reflected in this order.
2. This action is referred to mediation.
3. The schedule set forth in the Commission's order dated December 9, 2009, is suspended.
4. This order is effective immediately upon issuance.

(S E A L)

BY THE COMMISSION



**Steven C. Reed
Secretary**

Daniel Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of January 2010.