BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 more transactions, and to, among other things, execute and deliver a mortgage and security agreement to secure said indebtedness.

Case No. GF-2010-0334

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Missouri Gas Utility ("MGU") and for its response to Staff Recommendation in this case and states the following:

1. MGU filed its Application in this case on May 19, 2010 and thereafter filed a First Amended Application on July 16, 2010. In response to the Commission's August 23, 2010, Order Extending Time, Staff filed its Recommendation on August 31, 2010, which recommends that the Commission approve the Application subject to seven conditions enumerated in a memorandum attached thereto.¹

2. MGU has no objection to an order of the Commission approving the First Amended Application conditioned as recommended by Staff.² Consequently, MGU requests that the Commission issue its order granting MGU the relief it has requested.

WHEREFORE, MGU requests that the Commission issue an order at its earliest opportunity approving the First Amended Application with such conditions recommended by its Staff as the Commission deems appropriate in the circumstances.

¹ See, Staff Memorandum, pages 9 and 10.

² MGU's acceptance of Staff's recommended conditions does not necessarily represent acquiescence in the underlying rationale as set forth in the Recommendation or the supporting memorandum

Respectfully submitted,

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