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RE: Case No. GO-2002-452

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas R. Schwarz, Jr.".

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the matter of the Review of the)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses in the)
Tariffs of Local Distribution Companies.)

Case No. GO-2002-452

STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

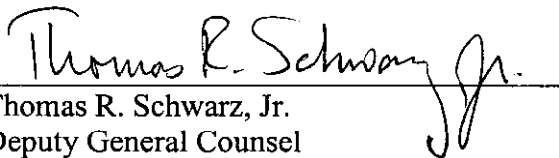
COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and states:

1. The Commission established this case by its Order dated March 26, 2002, in response to a Staff recommendation in Case No. GT-2002-361. Among other things, the Commission directed Staff to submit a proposed procedural schedule for preliminary dates in this case.
2. The Staff notes that this case is not in the posture of a contested case. That is, Staff does not anticipate that the Commission will direct local distribution companies to alter tariffs as a direct result of the proceedings.
3. Staff hopes at this time that LDCs might be able to implement any proposals agreed upon in this case for inclusion in their respective PGA Clauses in time for the winter PGA filings.
4. With that in mind, the Staff recommends that the Commission schedule a prehearing conference for May 14, 2002, to provide the parties the opportunity to discuss the issues to be addressed, and to direct the parties to file, jointly or separately, a list of issues to be addressed not later than June 14, 2002.
5. The parties will also be able to discuss at the prehearing the nature and timing of any further proceedings in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Staff asks the Commission to order the preliminary procedural schedule as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

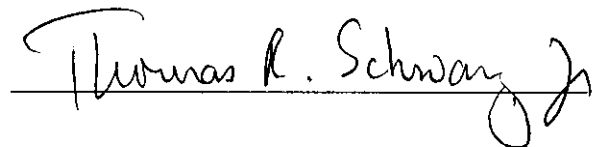
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 15th day of April, 2002.



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