BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the matter of the application of Missouri Gas |) |
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| Utility, Inc., for authority to enter into certain debt |) |
| instruments and to issue up to and including |) |
| \$5,500,000 of bonded indebtedness, in one or |) Case No. GF-2009-0331 |
| more transactions, and to, among other things, |) |
| execute and deliver a mortgage and security |) |
| agreement to secure said indebtedness. |) |

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1. MGU filed its Application in this case on March 11, 2009. In response to the Commission's April 9, 2009, Order Directing Filing, Staff filed its Recommendation on May 13, 2009, 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 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 Application with such conditions recommended

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¹ See, Memorandum, pages 7 and 8.

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

by its Staff as the Commission deems appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was delivered by first class mail, electronic mail or hand delivery, on the 20th day of May, 2009, to the following:

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