BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application of Missouri Gas)		
Utility, Inc., for a certificate of convenience and)		
necessity authorizing it to construct, install, own,)		
operate, control, manage and maintain a natural)	Case No.	
gas distribution system to provide gas service in)		
Harrison County, Missouri, as a further)		
expansion of its existing certified area.)		

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. (MGU or Applicant), by and through its counsel, and as its Application pursuant to §393.170, RSMo (2000), 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.205, for a certificate of convenience and necessity, respectfully states as follows:

- 1. Applicant is Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. MGU's principal office is located at 7810 Shaffer Parkway, Suite 120, Littleton, CO 80127.
- 2. MGU is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado. A copy of a certificate from the Missouri Secretary of State that MGU is authorized to do business in Missouri as a foreign corporation was submitted in Case No. GA-2007-0421 and is incorporated by reference in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). Other than cases that have been docketed at the Commission, MGU has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court within the past three (3) years that involve customer service or rates. MGU has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.
- 3. MGU conducts the business of a "gas corporation" and provides natural gas service in the Missouri counties of Harrison, Daviess and Caldwell, subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission).

4. All correspondence, communications, notices, orders and decisions of the Commission with respect to this matter should be sent to the undersigned counsel and:

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- 5. MGU proposes to install a natural gas distribution system to provide natural gas sales and transportation service in Ridgeway, a 4th Class city, located in Harrison County. Ridgeway is located in parts of Sections 33 and 34 in Township 65 N, Range 27 W, and Sections 3 and 4 of Township 64N, Range 27W, all in Harrison County. This is an area where MGU currently does not hold a certificate for natural gas service from the Commission. MGU will utilize a 4" PE line to serve Ridgeway beginning in Section 9, Township 64 North, Range 27 West, then proceeding north along Highway T for a distance of 1.6 miles. Additional 2" PE lines will be attached to this main line and will be installed in the streets of Ridgeway to provide service to the businesses and residences in the town.
- 6. For its entire length, the main 4" PE line will lay along Section lines, and MGU requests an order from the Commission granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) in the sections immediately on both sides of the line where MGU does not already have an existing certificate. These sections would be Sections 33 and 34 in Township 65 N, Range 27 W, and Sections 3 and 4 of Township 64N, Range 27W, as shown on the map attached hereto as **Appendix A**. In addition, granting the CCN in these sections will create a "U" shaped cut-out of non-certificated territory between these sections and the current MGU certificated territory located in Section 36, Township 65 N, Range 28 W and Section 1, Township 64N, Range 28 W.

MGU requests that a CCN for the area in this gap also be granted in order to square off the north line of MGU's certificated territory. MGU stands ready, if necessary, to serve any potential customers in these sections, under the terms of its Main Extension tariff, as set forth on Sheets 72 - 76.

- 7. MGU already has a certificate from the Commission to serve Section 1 in Township 64 N, Range 28 W and Section 36 in Township 65 N, Range 28 W, which are immediately west of and adjacent to the requested Sections, and in Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Township 64 N, Range 27 W, which are immediately south of and adjacent to the requested Sections, in addition to numerous other sections in Harrison County.
- 8. The legal description of the area to be certificated in Harrison County is as follows:

Sections 31, 32, 33, 34 in Township 65 North, Range 27 West in Harrison County, Missouri.

Sections 3,4,5,6 in Township 64 North, Range 27 West in Harrison County, Missouri.

- 9. Attached hereto and marked as **Appendix B** is a feasibility study containing a description of the plans and specifications for the project, to include the estimated cost of construction and an estimate of the number of customers, revenues and expenses during the first three years of operations. No external financing is anticipated for the construction related to this project. Construction methods will follow MGU's customary standards and the rules of the Commission. MGU plans to use its existing rates and tariff in order to provide service to the proposed service area.
- 10. Attached hereto and marked as **Appendix C** is a list of ten persons who reside, or own land, within the proposed service area.

- 11. MGU has already begun to seek commitments from potential customers in Ridgeway and the immediate area around the town. As of this filing, the owners of 121 residences and 13 commercial properties have committed to take natural gas, if the requested CCN is granted.
- 12. Applicant has obtained a franchise from the Town of Ridgeway, which is attached hereto as **Appendix D**. Applicant will not require any other franchises or permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities in connection with the proposed construction other than the usual and customary state highway, railroad and county road permits which will be obtained prior to construction.
- 13. The area in which MGU is seeking to be certificated hereby is already developed. Service from a natural gas supplier is not available in this area at the present time. Since MGU has the ability to provide service in this area by construction of additions to existing facilities, MGU believes that potential new customers should be afforded the opportunity to take service from MGU if they so desire. These facts support a finding that a grant of this application is required by the public convenience and necessity.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests an order from the Commission granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain a system for the provision of natural gas service to the public pursuant to its approved rates, rules and regulations, in the Sections listed above in Township 64 North, Range 28 West, in Harrison

County, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail to the following counsel this 4th day of April, 2008:

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VERIFICATION

	STATE OF COLORADO)
	COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)
the Executive Vice President of Missouri Gas e and foregoing document; that the statements est of my information, knowledge and belief; and, a behalf of MGU.	Utility, Inc. (MGU); that I have
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day of April, 2008. Janette Binkley, Notary Public	JEANETTE BINKLEY Notary Public