

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

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CASE NO: GM-2001-585

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Gateway Pipeline Company, Inc., Missouri)
Gas Company and Missouri Pipeline Company)
and the Acquisition by Gateway Pipeline)
Company of the Outstanding Shares of)
UtiliCorp Pipeline Systems, Inc.)

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ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

On July 20, 2001, the Commission's Staff filed a motion requesting that the procedural schedule in this case be extended 45 days to allow time for additional investigation. Staff states that the transaction may present significant issues affecting costs and rates impacting Missouri consumers and potential changes in regulatory jurisdiction. On July 23, 2001, the Office of the Public Counsel joined in Staff's request. Both Staff and the Public Counsel suggest that the information they continue to gather and the issues that are being developed present matters to be addressed in determining whether this transaction can occur without detriment to the public interest.

Rebuttal testimony, unless extended, is due July 30, 2001. Therefore, Staff has requested expedited consideration of their motion. Any party desiring to respond to Staff's motion should file its response no later than July 26, 2001, by 12:00 p.m.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That any party responding to the Staff's Request for Modification of Procedural Schedule filed on July 20, 2001, shall file its response no later than 12:00 p.m. on July 26, 2001.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 24, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

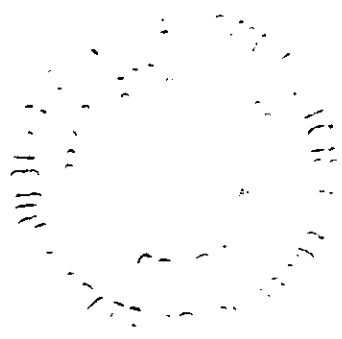
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of July, 2001.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 24th day of July 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge