

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
September 13, 2001**

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**

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 13th day of
September, 2001.

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 GRANTING EXPEDITED TREATMENT AND
ORDER GRANTING IN PART EXTENSION
FOR FILING POST-HEARING BRIEFS

Summary:

The Office of the Public Counsel has requested a two-day extension for filing post-hearing briefs, from September 17 to September 19, 2001, and asked for expedited treatment of its motion. This order grants in part, and denies in part Public Counsel's request.

Extension Warranted:

This matter was originally scheduled for a hearing of two days but in fact the hearing required three days, ending late on Friday, September 7. In addition, while the transcript was expedited, completion of the transcript over a weekend and subsequent copying and processing delayed distribution of the transcript for some parties to as late as September 12, 2001. The transcript is 894 pages long and contains numerous in camera proceedings that causes review to be cumbersome. Public Counsel requests a two-day extension to September 19, 2001, for filing of briefs.

Because of the short time period before briefs are due, the Public Counsel has requested expedited treatment of its motion, otherwise the due date will occur before parties could typically respond or the Commission act. Public Counsel states that there will be no "negative effect on the rights" of any party since this matter does not present an operation of law date or other statutory deadline.

The Applicants initiating this case originally requested that the Commission act prior to September 30, 2001. This matter deserves the full effort and consideration of the parties and of the Commission. The Commission finds that a one-day delay in the receipt of briefs will not materially delay this proceeding while accommodating Public Counsel's request for more time. A one-day extension will still allow time for the Commission to consider this case according to its anticipated scheduling demands.

For the reasons above, the Public Counsel's request for an extension will be granted in part and denied in part.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the filing deadline for the filing of post-hearing briefs is extended until September 18, 2001. The Public Counsel's motion is granted in part and denied in part consistent with the extension of the filing of the post-hearing briefs above.

2. That this order shall become effective on September 13, 2001.

(S E A L)

BY THE COMMISSION



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

Simmons, Ch., Murray, Lumpe and Gaw, CC., concur

Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Secretary: Thornburg R. Pyce
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Simmons, Chair
CMA
Murray, Commissioner
JS
Lumpe, Commissioner
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Gaw, Commissioner
Commissioner
9-13 Good Cause
Agenda Date
Action taken: 4-0 A A
Must Vote Not Later Than _____

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 13th day of Sept. 2001.

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