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RE: Case No. GX-2001- 91

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **MOTION FOR FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR RULEMAKING**.

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,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of Proposed Amendments to)
Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-40.020 and)
40.030.

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MOTION FOR FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR RULEMAKING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through its Office of General Counsel, pursuant to section 536.016 RSMo Supp. 1999, and for its Motion for Finding of Necessity for Rulemaking states as follows:

1. Section 536.016 RSMo Supp. 1999 provides that a state agency shall propose rules based upon "a finding by the agency that the rule is necessary to carry out the purposes of the statute that granted such rulemaking authority."
2. The certification agreement between the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and the U.S. Department of Transportation-Office of Pipeline Safety requires the Commission to adopt regulations that are at least as stringent as the federal regulations.
3. Federal regulations have been adopted that are more stringent than the current Commission regulations. This proposed rulemaking will amend 4 CSR 240-40.020, Incident, Annual and Safety-Related Condition Reporting Requirements, and 4 CSR 240-40.030, Safety Standards-Transportation of Gas by Pipeline, to incorporate the following federal amendments to 49 CFR parts 191 and 192: 191-14, 192-82 through 192-88. Amendment 191-14 provides metric equivalents; 192-82 provides for mandatory participation in qualified one-call systems; 192-83 provides for customer notification regarding excess flow valves; 192-84 provides

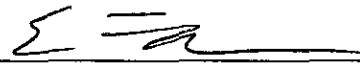
updated reference documents and minor clarifications to three regulations; 192-85 provides metric equivalents; 192-86 provides for operator qualification; 192-87 provides for determining the extent of corrosion; 192-88 provides for new technologies to be used when repairing steel pipe.

4. The Commission's authority to promulgate rules in 4 CSR 240-40.020 and 40.030 is pursuant to Sections 386.250, 386.310 RSMo Supp. 1999, and 393.140 RSMo 1994. Section 386.310 specifically authorizes the Commission to adopt regulations to require every jurisdictional gas pipeline operator to maintain and operate its system in such manner as to promote and safeguard the health and safety of its employees, customers, and the public.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission respectfully requests that the Commission find that the proposed rulemaking is necessary to comply with the certification agreement and to protect consumers and employees of gas pipelines.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

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 August 2000.



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