BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the General Rate Increase)	
for Natural Gas Service Provided)	Case No. GR-2008-0060
by Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.)	

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND RELATED MATTERS

COMES NOW Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. (MGU), on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel, and hereby provides the following in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

- 1. On September 6, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, and Directing Filings. Among other things, the order directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule; recommendation as to the times dates and location for a local public hearing; and, a form and time for customer notice.
- 2. A prehearing conference was held on October 10, 2007, at which the parties discussed, and came to agreement, as to these issues.
- 3. The parties have agreed to the following dates for the procedural schedule, to include a proposed date for a local public hearing:

Direct Testimony (Revenue Requirement): January 18, 2008
All parties except Company

Direct Testimony (Rate Design): February 1, 2008
All parties except Company

Local Public Hearing, 6:00 p.m. – Gallatin, Missouri: February 11, 2008

Settlement Conference: February 13-15, 2008

Rebuttal Testimony: February 29, 2008

¹ If this date is not available for some reason, the parties propose as an alternative that the local public hearing take place on February 7, 2008.

All parties

Surrebuttal Testimony:

All parties

List of Issues, List of Witnesses, and

Order of Cross-Examination: March 28, 2008

Position Statements: April 2, 2008

Evidentiary Hearing: April 7 - 11, 2008 9:00 a.m.

7.00 a.m.

March 21, 2008

Post Hearing Brief May 16, 2008

4. Attached hereto as **Appendix A** is a form of notice that has been agreed to by the parties. The parties have further agreed that the proposed form of notice should be sent to MGU's customers as a bill insert with the MGU January bill. The parties are still discussing the volumes and monthly increase to be included in the form of notice and, therefore, blanks have been left for these amounts. The parties plan to continue their discussions concerning the volumes and monthly increase.

- 5. Lastly, the parties have agreed to the following:
- a. The test year shall be the twelve months ended March 31, 2007;
- b. The test year shall be updated for material known and measurable changes through September 30, 2007; and,
- c. While it is likely that a true-up will not be necessary, Staff and Public Counsel reserve the right to take a different position in direct testimony, should a need arise. If a true-up is necessary, the parties would suggest April 17-18, 2007.

WHEREFORE, the parties request the Commission adopt the above list of dates as the procedural schedule for resolution of the above-styled case, the proposed form and time of notice

and the identified test year and update period.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was hand-delivered, or sent by electronic mail, on October 17th, 2007, to the following:

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