

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

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate, control manage and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide natural gas service in parts of Harrison, Daviess and Caldwell Counties, to acquire the Gallatin and Hamilton, Missouri natural gas systems and to encumber the acquired assets.)
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Case No. GO-2005-0120

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Comes now Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. (MGU or Company), and, in accordance with Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), states the following to the Commission as MGU’s Motion for Expedited Treatment:

1. On December 14, 2004, the Commission issued its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement (effective December 18, 2004), in which, among other things, the Commission approved the Application filed by MGU and authorized MGU to file tariff sheets in the general form and substance of those sheets found in Appendix C to the Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

2. As stated in the Commission’s Order, it is important that the transactions that are the subject of MGU’s Application be completed as expeditiously as possible, so that management is in place to address gas supply and other matters. Accordingly, MGU will seek to close these transactions on December 30, 2004, and at that time will begin operating the Gallatin and Hamilton systems.

3. MGU has filed today (December 20, 2004) proposed tariff sheets consistent with

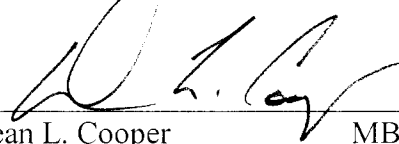
the Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement. The tariff sheets contain an issue date of December 20, 2004, and an effective date of January 19, 2005 (Tracking No. YG-2005-0467). A list of the sheets is attached hereto and marked Appendix 1.

4. Because the subject tariff sheets are designed to comply with the Commission's order approving the acquisition of the Gallatin and Hamilton assets and because MGU will be operating those assets as of the closing date, MGU seeks the Commission's expedited treatment of the proposed tariff sheets. To that end, MGU asks that the tariff sheets become effective on December 30, 2004.

5. The grant of this Motion may have a positive benefit for MGU's customers in the Gallatin and Hamilton service area in that it will provide clear identification of the rate and rules under which the Company will be providing service. This Motion has been filed as soon as possible after the effective date of the Commission's Order.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, MGU respectfully requests the Commission to consider this Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve the proposed tariff sheets effective December 30, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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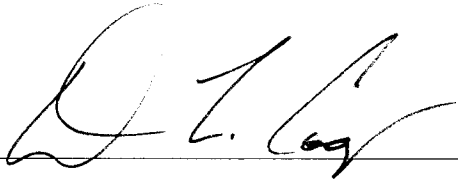
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