

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

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas Utility,)
Inc., for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate,)
Control, Manage and Maintain a Natural Gas)
Transmission Line and a Distribution System to)
Provide Gas Service in Pettis and Benton Counties,)
Missouri, as a New Certificated Area.)

File No. GA-2009-0264

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: March 24, 2009

Effective Date: March 24, 2009

On January 14, 2009, Missouri Gas Utility, Inc., filed an application requesting (1) authority to provide natural gas sales and transportation service to customers in the cities of Green Ridge, Cole Camp, Lincoln, and Warsaw, Missouri, and various unincorporated areas located in Pettis County and Benton County; and (2) a “line” certificate from the tap on the Southern Star Central Pipeline in Section 35, Township 46 North, Range 23 West, to its requested general service area. The Commission published notice of the application and set an intervention deadline. No applications to intervene were received.

On March 12, 2009, the Staff of the Commission filed a status report. Staff relates that it is continuing to gather information from MGU regarding its application and anticipates filing its ultimate recommendation in this matter no later than April 17, 2009.

No response to Staff’s status report has been filed, and the deadline for doing so has passed. The Commission, having considered Staff’s report, accepts Staff’s proposed filing date.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than April 17, 2009, the Staff of the Commission shall file either its recommendation concerning Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.'s application or a further status report including the date on which it expects to file its recommendation.
2. This order is effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of March, 2009.