

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 Greene, Polk and Dallas Counties, Missouri, as a New Certificated Area.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and for its Status Report, states:

1. On December 22, 2010, Missouri Gas Utility (MGU or the Company) filed an application seeking the Commission's permission and approval of a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to construct gas facilities and provide gas service in areas of Green, Polk, and Dallas counties.

2. On December 28, 2010, the Commission issued its *Corrected Notice of Application, and Order Regarding Motions for Intervention and Staff's Recommendation*. Therein, the Commission ordered that any motions for intervention be filed no later than January 12, 2010 and for Staff to file its recommendation no later than January 27, 2010.

3. This CCN Application was filed just prior to the holiday season and a thorough Staff review of the CCN Application of the size of the requested service area can, depending on the amount of discovery required, take several months to complete. Staff is currently in the discovery process and anticipates a need for additional time to prepare its recommendation, due in part to a Company representative being unavailable to respond to Data Requests until January 18, 2010.

4. Therefore, in lieu of filing a Staff Recommendation on January 27, 2010, Staff requests the Commission grant it leave to instead file a Status Report on January 27, 2010, informing the Commission of the earliest date Staff believes it will be able to make a recommendation to the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the Staff prays the Commission accept its Motion for Leave to File Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 14th day of January, 2010.

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