

**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.)

Case No. GA-2009-0264

STATUS REPORT

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

1. On February 10, 2009, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* (Order), directing Staff to file no later than March 12, 2009, either its recommendation concerning Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.'s (MGU) application or a status report including the date on which it expects to file its recommendation.

2. As of this filing date, the Staff is continuing to gather information from MGU regarding its application. Staff anticipates filing its ultimate recommendation in this matter no later than April 17, 2009.

WHEREFORE, the Staff prays the Commission accept its Status Report as submitted in accordance with the Commission's Order in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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