BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)
Complainant,)
V.)) <u>Case No. GC-2006-0378</u>
Missouri Pipeline Company, LLC; Missouri Gas Company, LLC; Mogas Energy, LLC; United Pipeline Systems, Inc.; and Gateway Pipeline Company, LLC.	
Respondents.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND TO MOTION TO HOLD CASE IN ABEYANCE AND RELIEVING STAFF OF THE OBLIGATION TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY AS SCHEDULED

Issue Date: October 31, 2006

Effective Date: October 31, 2006

On October 30, 2006, the Commission's Staff filed a motion asking the Commission

to hold this case in abeyance pending resolution of the related complaint in Case No. GC-

2006-0491. Staff requested expedited treatment of its motion because the amended procedural schedule calls for Staff to file its direct testimony on November 1.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) provides that parties are allowed not more than ten days to respond to a motion unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The Commission will not be able to rule on Staff's motion before November 1, but it would like to deal with this matter quickly. Therefore, the Commission will shorten the time for response to Staff's motion.

The Commission will not be able to address the merits of Staff's motion before November 1, when the existing procedural schedule requires Staff to file its direct testimony. Therefore, Staff will be relieved of its obligation to file direct testimony until after the Commission rules on the motion to hold this case in abeyance.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Any party wishing to respond to Staff's Motion to Hold Case in Abeyance shall do so no later than November 3, 2006.

2. The Commission's Staff is relieved of its obligation to file direct testimony until after the Commission rules on the Motion to Hold Case in Abeyance.

3. This order shall become effective on October 31, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 31st day of October, 2006.