STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 5th day of December. 2006.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)
Complainant,)
v.) <u>Case No. GC-2006-0491</u>
Missouri Pipeline Company, LLC, and Missouri Gas Company, LLC,)))
Respondents.)

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR MEDIATION

Issue Date: December 5, 2006 Effective Date: December 5, 2006

On November 27, 2006, the Respondents, Missouri Pipeline Company and Missouri Gas Company, filed a motion asking the Commission to postpone the hearing scheduled to be held on December 13 through December 15, and in its place schedule a mediation session to allow the parties an opportunity to discuss a resolution of Staff's complaint. The Commission ordered that any party wanting to respond to the request for mediation do so no later than November 30. The Commission's Staff responded on November 30, indicating its adamant opposition to the request for mediation.

The Commission is not willing to delay the hearing of this matter and does not wish to force mediation on an unwilling participant. The request for mediation will be denied.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondents' Request for Mediation is denied.
- 2. This order shall become effective on December 5, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Davis, Chm., Gaw and Clayton, CC., concur Murray and Appling, CC., absent

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge