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Service Commission

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Tariff Sheets Designed to Increase Rates for Gas Service in the Company's Missouri Service Area

Case No. GR-2004-0209 Tariff No. YG-2004-0624

CITY OF JOPLIN'S STATEMENT OF POSITION

COMES NOW, the City of Joplin, by and through counsel, and for its Statement of

Position states as follows:

City of Joplin supports the position of the Office of Public Counsel with respect to issues

related to the rate of return, class costs of service/rate design and low income proposals.

City of Joplin supports the position of the Staff of the Public Service Commission with

respect to revenue issues and expense issues.

City of Joplin takes no position with respect to the remaining issues. City of Joplin

reserves the right to take a position on such issues based upon all the record evidence at a later date.

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