

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased)		
Gas Adjustment Tariff Revisions to be Reviewed)		<u>Case No. GR-2001-382</u>
in its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment)		
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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased)		
Gas Cost Adjustment Factors to be Reviewed in)		<u>Case No. GR-2000-425</u>
its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment)		
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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased)		
Gas Cost Adjustment Factors to be Reviewed in)		<u>Case No. GR-99-304</u>
its 1998-1999 Actual Cost Adjustment)		
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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased)		
Gas Cost Adjustment Tariff Revisions to be)		<u>Case No. GR-98-167</u>
Reviewed in its 1997-1998 Actual Cost Adjustment)		

**MOTION OF CITY OF JOPLIN FOR LEAVE TO FILE
STATEMENT OF POSITION OUT OF TIME**

COMES NOW Intervenor, City of Joplin, Missouri, and respectfully requests leave to file its Statement of Position in the above-captioned case out of time. In support of this Motion, the City of Joplin states as follows:

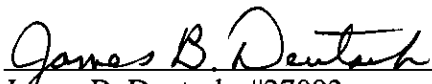
1. Position Statements of the parties were due for filing with the Commission on May 2, 2003.
2. Through mistake of undersigned counsel, such Position Statement, though prepared, was not filed with the Commission on that date nor was it served upon other parties.
3. On May 7, 2003, undersigned counsel discovered this error through an inquiry made concerning such Position Statement by opposing counsel and counsel for Joplin files herewith its Statement of Position for consideration by the Commission.

4. No prejudice would result to any party from the Commission granting leave to late file Joplin's Position Statement, as it adopts the positions taken by PSC Staff and interjects no new or unanticipated position on the issues.

WHEREFORE, the City of Joplin respectfully requests the Commission grant it leave to file the City of Joplin's Statement of Position out of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following parties of record on this 7th day of May, 2003.

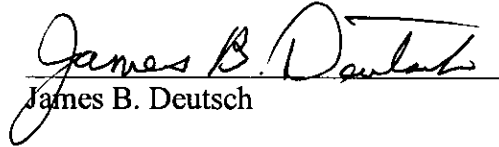
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