

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

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas Utility,)	
Inc., for Authority to Issue Up to and Including)	
\$88,000,000 of Long-Term Indebtedness in One or More)	
Tranches After the Closing of the Merger Between)	
Missouri Gas Utility, Inc., and Southern Missouri Gas)	<u>File No. GO-2012-0102</u>
Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas,)	
and to, Among Other Things, Encumber the Operating)	
Assets of the Consolidated Entity)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 4, 2011

Effective Date: October 4, 2011

On October 3, 2011, Missouri Gas Utility ("MGU") filed an application. That application requests, among other things, authority from the Commission for MGU to issue debt and encumber its assets. In connection therewith, MGU filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment, asking the Commission to rule on its application no later than December 23, 2011.

The Commission will order its Staff to file a pleading stating when it believes it can file a Recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading as described above no later than October 24, 2011.

2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is written over a faint, illegible stamp.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of October, 2011.