



4. Staff further requested it be allowed to file a proposed procedural schedule after,” the January 7, 2019 early-prehearing conference the Commission scheduled. Staff Motion pp 1-2.

5. In its December 6 Order the Commission “also direct[ed] the parties to file recommendations regarding local public hearings. The Office of the Public Counsel will be responsible for filing these suggestions.

6. Public Counsel hereby files the following suggestions for locations of local public hearings in accord with that Order. (Order p. 2).

7. Ameren Gas’ last general rate case was GR-2010-0363. Public Counsel is not aware of any significant changes in Ameren Gas’ service territory and subsequently recommends the following locations for consideration:

Wentzville  
Columbia  
Jefferson City  
Mexico  
Cape Girardeau  
Rolla

8. Below signed Public Counsel recalls significant attendance at several of the above listed hearings, but with the passage of time and lower natural gas prices, Public Counsel has no way of predicting which of these might have more or less attendance.

**WHEREFORE**, in accord with the Commission’s December 6 Order, Public Counsel files its suggestions regarding locations for Local Public Hearings, for the Parties consideration at the January 7, 2019 pre-hearing conference scheduled in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2019.

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