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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

RE: United Cities Gas Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation
Case No. GA-98-464

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of United Cities Gas Company's Motion For The Scheduling Of A Prehearing Conference And Evidentiary Hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James M. Fischer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James M. Fischer

Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
Dan Joyce, General Counsel

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of United Cities Gas)	
Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation,)	
for an Accounting Authority Order Related to)	Case No. GA-98-464
Investigation and Response Actions Associated with)	
Its Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site in Hannibal,)	
Missouri.)	

UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY'S
MOTION FOR THE SCHEDULING OF A
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

COMES NOW United Cities Gas Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation (hereinafter "United Cities") and for its Motion For The Scheduling Of A Prehearing Conference And Evidentiary Hearing states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On February 5, 2001, United Cities filed its Motion For Modification of Accounting Authority Order in which it requested that the Commission "issue its Order Modifying the Accounting Authority Order issued on February 25, 1999, by extending the date that the AAO would become null and void from March 9, 2001 to March 9, 2002, unless a general rate case is filed, or in the alternative, issue a subsequent accounting authority order to authorize United Cities to defer in Account 182.3 all costs incurred in connection with the investigation, assessment and environmental response actions at the Hannibal MGP." (emphasis added) On March 11, 2002, the Company filed its Request For Decision Regarding Application For Subsequent Accounting Authority Order.

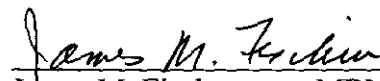
2. On March 12, 2002, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its Response in Opposition To Atmos Energy's Request for Decision Regarding Application for Subsequent Accounting Authority Order and Request for Hearing in which it expressed its opposition to the

Company's request, and in the alternative, requested an evidentiary hearing. On March 21, 2002, the Staff filed its Response To Request For Decision in which it opposed the Company's request.

3. In order to finally resolve this matter, United Cities believes it is appropriate to accept Public Counsel's alternative recommendation to have an evidentiary hearing on this matter. In order to schedule this evidentiary hearing, United Cities hereby requests that the Commission schedule a prehearing conference for the parties to discuss a procedural schedule for this matter.'

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, United Cities respectfully requests the Commission to issue an order scheduling a prehearing conference to allow the parties to discuss a procedural schedule, including evidentiary hearings, to finally resolve this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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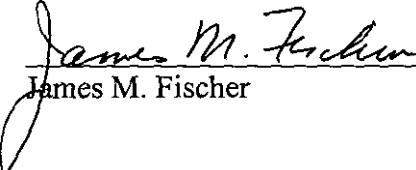
¹ Counsel for the Company will be out of the country from June 12 to July 4, 2002, and therefore would request that the prehearing conference be scheduled after July 4, 2002, if possible.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, this 3rd day of June, 2002, to:

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