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STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 18th day of March, 1994.

In the matter of the application of Intercon Gas, Inc., a corporation, for an order and certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct, install, acquire, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a natural gas pipeline and related facilities (consolidated with and to transport natural gas in portions of Jefferson, Franklin, Crawford and Phelps Counties, Missouri. (GA-91-81, GA-91-82)

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RATE CASE

By motion filed March 2, 1994, Missouri Gas Company (MoGas) requested an indefinite extension of time for the filing of a general rate case concerning its Missouri operations. In its Report And Order in this docket the Commission had ordered MoGas to file a general rate case within eighteen (18) months of the date MoGas' pipeline became operational. MoGas indicates it placed its pipeline in service on September 17, 1992, and therefore MoGas is obligated to file a rate case on or before March 17, 1994, unless that date is extended. On March 11, 1994, Commission Staff filed a response to MoGas' motion in which Staff agrees that an extension for the filing of a general rate case is appropriate, but Staff wants a specific time limit set rather than the indefinite period requested by MoGas.

The Commission has reviewed the pleading and finds that the requirement for a filing of a general rate case by March 17, 1994, should be extended. Intervening events make the filing date premature. Specifically, the Commission now has before it an application by MoGas and its sister corporation, Missouri Pipeline Company (MPC), to sell their assets to UtiliCorp United Inc. The Commission's decision in that case, Case No. GM-94-252, will possibly affect any rate case filing made by MoGas or its predecessor if the sale is approved.

Rather than set a specific date for filing, the Commission finds that the actual date for filing of a rate case should be a matter for discussion and resolution in Case No. GM-94-252. The parties in that case should file a recommendation concerning the filing of a general rate case by MoGas or its predecessor in that case. Any further pleadings regarding this matter should be filed in Case No. GM-94-252.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the time for filing of a general rate case by Missouri Gas Company be hereby extended to a date to be fixed in Case No. GM-94-252.
- 2. That the parties to Case No. GM-94-252 shall file a recommendation in that docket concerning the filing date of a general rate case by Missouri Gas Company or its predecessor.
- 3. That a copy of this order shall be placed in Case No. GM-94-252 and a copy sent to each party in that case.
 - 4. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

Mueller, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., concur. Perkins, C., absent.