

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 16th
day of June, 1995.

In the matter of the investigation)	
of integrated gas resource planning)	<u>Case No. GO-95-329</u>
rules by the Staff of the Missouri)	
Public Service Commission.)	

ORDER DENYING MOTION

On June 2, 1995, the Commission issued an order, in answer to various motions, regarding the present need for an integrated resource planning rulemaking. On June 12, 1995, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed a motion for clarification of that order.

In its motion the OPC requests the Commission to "clarify whether it believes it is still in compliance with Federal requirements of Section 115 of the Energy Policy Act and Section 303 of PURPA and whether it has altered its intentions to proceed with a gas IRP rulemaking."

The Commission would first point out that it has been very careful to avoid commitment to the enactment of a rule prior to any being proposed and undergoing the rulemaking process. The Commission would also emphasize that the Staff, OPC, and various other parties have considered integrated resource planning concepts and rules for approximately the past two years. No proposal resulted from these conferences and presentations. Ultimately the issue of the wisdom of enacting a gas IRP rule was brought directly to the Commission in this docket. The Commission, in its order, considered the positions of the parties and stated,

". . . the Commission has determined that the wisest course of action at the present time is to postpone consideration as to whether the Commission should go forward with some type of planning rule for gas. This will allow the Commission time to

complete the first round of IRP filings for the electric utilities and to assess the relative value of IRP regulations for both the electric utilities and, potentially, for gas utilities. An additional period of time will also enable the Commission to gain additional experience and insight into precisely which areas require regulatory oversight and which do not in the post-636 regulation of gas utilities."

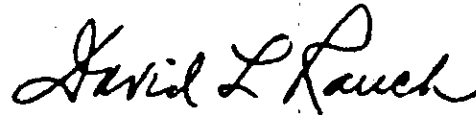
The Commission has devoted substantial staff time and resources to the investigation, study, and attempt to formulate a workable gas IRP rule. On June 2, 1995, the Commission issued the above decision. The Commission does not find any indication in the clear language or intent of this decision of a potential or implied change in the position it has held during the entire course of the gas IRP process.

The Commission finds that the order of June 2, 1995, needs no clarification. In addition, the Commission finds the OPC presented no reason, and no reason is apparent, why the Commission would now be out of compliance with Section 115 of the Energy Policy Act or of Section 303 of PURPA. The Commission will deny the motion for clarification.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion of the Office of Public Counsel for clarification is hereby denied.
2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure,
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur.