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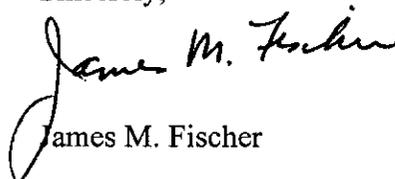
RE: *In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Purchased Gas Cost Recovery, Case No. GW-2001-398.*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of the Application To Intervene filed on behalf of Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. A copy of the foregoing Application has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
General Counsel

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APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. ("FNG"), and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 respectfully requests that the Commission grant FNG the right to intervene and participate in this proceeding. In support of this Application, FNG states as follows:

1. On January 23, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Creating Case and Establishing Task Force which created this proceeding "to investigate the process for the recovery of natural gas commodity cost increases by LDCs from their customers. A Natural Gas Commodity Price Task Force will be created to investigate and discuss options on this issue." (Order, p. 1) The Commission established an intervention date of February 22, 2001, for expressions of interest by any person or entity which desires to participate in the task force process.

IDENTITY OF APPLICANT

2. Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. is a public utility engaged in the distribution, transportation and sale of natural gas in Sullivan, Missouri and surrounding environs. FNG is organized as a corporation under the laws of Missouri with its principal place of business located at 64 Clark Street, Sullivan, Missouri 63080. FNG is a "gas corporation" and "public utility" pursuant to Sections 386.020(18) and (42) (RSMo. 2000), and has been granted a Certificate of

Convenience and Necessity to provide natural gas service within the state of Missouri.

3. All correspondence, pleadings, orders and documents in this proceeding should be addressed to:

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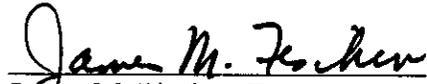
4. At this time, FNG does not have a specific individual that it would designate as its representative in the Task Force process. However, FNG intends to participate, with the permission of the Commission, by providing legal and/or technical personnel, as necessary to participate in the Task Force process.

APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN PROCEEDING

5. FNG has approved tariffs which include a purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") and actual cost adjustment (ACA) mechanism that are designed to ensure the recovery of gas commodity costs from its customers. The PGA and ACA mechanism may be affected by the outcome of the work of the Task Force created in this matter. As a result, FNG' interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public. FNG' participation will aid the Commission in resolving the issues raised in this proceeding. Therefore, FNG requests the opportunity to intervene and participate in this proceeding in order to monitor the case, and to protect its interests.

WHEREFORE, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. respectfully requests the Commission to issue its Order Granting Intervention and Participation in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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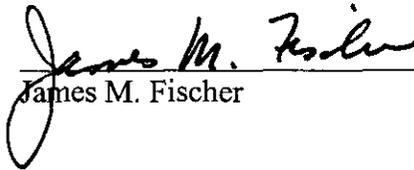
Attorney for Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc.

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 8th day of February, 2001, to:

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