

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)
MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES for) Case No. U-10403
approval of depreciation practices.)
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At the December 16, 1999 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John G. Strand, Chairman
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION

In its November 29, 1993 order in Case No. U-10403, the Commission approved depreciation rates for Michigan Gas Utilities (MGU). The Commission further directed MGU to file its next depreciation rate case, supported by a depreciation study, on or before September 1, 1999. On August 31, 1999, the Commission extended the filing date to December 31, 1999.

On December 7, 1999, MGU filed a motion requesting a further extension of time to file its depreciation rate case and study. The motion sets forth reasons that justify granting an extension to April 30, 2000.

The Commission FINDS that:

a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; MSA 22.21 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; MSA 22.1 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; MSA 22.13(1) et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACCS, R 460.17101 et seq.

b. MGU's request to extend the deadline for filing its depreciation rate case and study to April 30, 2000 is reasonable and should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Michigan Gas Utilities' deadline for filing its depreciation rate case and supporting depreciation study shall be extended to April 30, 2000.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ John G. Strand

Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda

Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson

Commissioner

By its action of December 16, 1999.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated December 16, 1999 approving the request of Michigan Gas Utilities to extend, until April 30, 2000, the deadline for filing its depreciation rate case and its supporting depreciation study, as set forth in the order.”