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MT. CARMEL PUBLIC UTILITY CO.

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Petition for special permission to make)
effective PGA gas charges on less than)
forty-five days Notice.)

Docket 04- 0540

PETITION

Mt. Carmel Public Utility Co. ("Mt. Carmel" or the "Company") by Eric Bramlet, of the law firm of Koger & Bramlet, P.C., attorney for the Company, does hereby petition the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") that it be permitted, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-201 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/9-201), to put in force and effect, less than forty-five days after the filing with the Commission, the attached:

Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause
Gas Charge Schedules for Service Rendered
in the month of September 2004

Pursuant to Ill. C. C. No. 6, 5th Revised Sheet No. 6, the Company is required to provide PGA Gas Charge Schedules postmarked by the twentieth day of the filing month. The Company inadvertently missed its intended filing deadline of Friday, August 20, 2004, with its September, 2004 PGA Gas Charge Schedules. The mailing was made on or about Monday, August 23, 2004. All of the information contained within those schedules mailed were correct. However, because of the late mail date error, filing of the PGA Gas Charge Schedules has been denied by the Commission.

Due to the inadvertent error, and the discovery by Company of such, and due to the resulting refusal of the Commission to file those schedules, the Company is now unable to file fully correct

PGA Gas Charge Schedules to be effective for the month of September 2004, absent special permission of this Commission.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order granting special permission to file the attached Gas Charge Schedules for Service Rendered in the month of September 2004, effective September 1, 2004, or as soon as possible thereafter.

DATED: August 24, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

MT. CARMEL PUBLIC UTILITY CO.

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VERIFICATION

I, Philip Barnhard, first being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am President of Mt. Carmel Public Utility Co., an Illinois corporation; that I have read the above and foregoing Petition by me subscribed and am familiar with the facts contained therein; that said contents are true in substance and in fact, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe same to be true; and that I am authorized to file this Petition on behalf of Mt. Carmel Public Utility Co.

Philip Barnhard
Philip Barnhard, President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of August, 2004.



Sharon J. Gehret
Notary Public