

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Tony Walker,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2007-0162</u>
)	
Missouri Gas Energy,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: December 7, 2006

Effective Date: December 7, 2006

On October 19, 2006, Tony Walker filed a complaint with the Commission against Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE"). MGE filed its answer to the complaint on November 9, and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its Report on December 6.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. It is expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions. The parties shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule one week after the prehearing conference.

The Commission informs the parties that this prehearing conference is *not an evidentiary hearing*. Sworn testimony will not be taken and no final decision will result from this prehearing conference. However, all parties are required to participate. Pursuant to

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090, "Failure to appear at a prehearing conference without previously having secured a continuance shall constitute grounds for dismissal of the party or the party's complaint, application or other action unless good cause for the failure to appear is shown." As set out below, any party who wishes to attend by telephone will be permitted to do so.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties shall appear at a prehearing conference to be held on December 22, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 or dial Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

2. Any party wishing to appear by telephone shall notify the Regulatory Law Judge by calling 573-522-8459 no later than December 14, 2006.

3. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 29, 2006.

4. This order shall become effective on December 7, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of December, 2006.