

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Missouri Gas Energy for the Issuance of	)	
an Accounting Authority Relating to its	)	
Natural Gas Operations and for a	)	Case No. GU-2011-0392
Contingent Waiver of the Notice	)	
Requirement of 4 CSR 240-4.020(2).	)	

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO  
COMMISSION ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Response to Commission *Order Directing Filing* states:

1. Staff has undertaken its initial discovery in this case; however, Staff is waiting for Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) to update some responses with information through June 30, 2011.
2. Staff needs to review actual data through June 30, at a minimum, to assess the materiality of MGE's claimed extraordinary costs, prior to providing a recommendation.
3. Staff notes the similarity of MGE's application to The Empire District Electric Company's Accounting Authority Order request, File No. EU-2011-0387. Staff is endeavoring to maintain consistency between the processing of these requests, as appropriate.
4. Staff will complete its investigation and make its *Recommendation* to the Commission as soon as Staff has received sufficient information to make an informed recommendation.

**WHEREFORE** Staff states it needs sufficient time to investigate in order to make an informed recommendation to the Commission and will file its *Recommendation* as soon as it has sufficient information.

Respectfully submitted,

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