

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

In the Matter of Staff's Recommendation)	
In Missouri Gas Energy's 2001-2002)	Case No. GR-2002-348
Actual Cost Adjustment.)	

STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and in support of its Request for Extension of Time states:

1. This case is Missouri Gas Energy's actual cost adjustment case for the 2001-2002 year.
2. In its Third Status Report in this Case, Staff asked that the Commission order the filing of a procedural schedule, with a mid-May hearing date.
3. Since the filing of that request, Staff and MGE have tentatively discussed consolidation of this case with Case No. GR-2003-0330 so that a single hearing may be held as the issues are similar.
4. The parties need additional time to discuss whether consolidation of the cases is reasonable in light of the issues raised in Staff's filing in Case No. GR-2003-0330 and MGE's response to Staff's Recommendation.
5. Staff, with the consent of all of the parties to the case is filing this request that the Commission extend the time for filing a procedural schedule in this case to March 29, 2005.

WHEREFORE, so that the Parties may discuss possible consolidation of these two cases, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time for filing of a procedural schedule in this case until March 29, 2005. No Party in the case opposes this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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