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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's	)	Case No. GR-2009-0355
Tariff Sheets Designed to Increase Rates	)	
for Gas Service in the Company's	)	
Missouri Service Area.	)	

## PUBLIC COUNSEL'S TEST YEAR AND TRUE-UP RESPONSE

**COMES NOW** the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel and for its response regarding the test year and true-up periods and dates states:

- 1. Public Counsel concurs with the recommendation of Missouri Gas Energy and the Commission's Staff to establish the test year as the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2008.
- 2. Public Counsel also concurs with the recommendation of the Commission's Staff to update the test year through April 30, 2009.
- 3. Lastly, Public Counsel concurs with the Commission's Staff that it is premature to recommend a true-up until after a substantial portion of the audit is completed.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully offers this response regarding the recommendations for the test year and true-up periods and dates.

## Respectfully submitted, OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL

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