BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Factors to be Audited in its 2002-2003 Actual Cost Adjustment.

Case No. GR-2003-0330

STAFF'S REQUEST TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission in the above-captioned matter and requests that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule. In support of its request Staff states:

1. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110 (2) Staff requests that the Commission temporarily suspend the procedural schedule in this case.

2. A Staff member has had a sudden and unexpected family medical emergency.

We do not know when Staff will be unable to respond to MGE's data requests or exactly when this Staff member will return to work.

3. Staff has contacted all parties and no one objects to this request.

4. Staff will contact all parties as soon as possible, but no later than March 15, 2006, to propose alternative dates for testimony filings and hearing dates.

5. Staff will update the Commission no later than March 16, concerning its progress in this matter and will propose alternate dates for resumption of the schedule in this case as soon thereafter as possible.

6. No one should be prejudiced by this request because MGE's current ACA cases have been held in abeyance pending Staff's transportation cost issue.

WHEREFORE Staff respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Staff's request

to suspend the procedural schedule pending further updates from Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 23rd day of February 2006.

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