

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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's)	
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA))	
Factors to be Audited in its 2002-2003)	Case No. GR-2003-0330
Actual Cost Adjustment.)	

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission in the above-captioned matter and for its status report to the Commission states:

1. On March 8, 2006, the Commission issued its order asking the Parties to this case whether this case and GR-2005-0104 should be consolidated, since the issues in both cases are the same.

2. Case No. GR-2002-0348, MGE's ACA for the 2001-2002 period, has already been consolidated with this case.

3. Direct and Rebuttal testimony has already been filed in this case.

4. On March 10, with the agreement, or at least the non-objection of all the parties, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) requested an extension of time to respond to the Commission's March 8 Order.

5. On that same day, the Commission granted MGE's request and extended the date for response to its Order until March 28, 2006.

6. For its Status Report in this case, Staff reports that it is in the process of responding to the MGE data requests, except those to which Staff objected.

7. If the Commission consolidates Case No. GR-2005-0104 with these consolidated cases, the parties must consider that when adopting a proposed procedural schedule, so the

parties are not proposing a new procedural schedule at this time until the issue of consolidation has been decided.

WHEREFORE Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accept Staff's Status Report concerning this case and continue the suspension of the procedural schedule until the parties have responded to the Commission's March 8, 2006 Order concerning consolidation.

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 15th day of March 2006.

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