

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

In the Matter of Staff's Recommendation     )  
In Missouri Gas Energy's Actual Cost        )     Case No. GR-2007-0256  
Adjustment for the 2006-2007 Season.        )

**STAFF'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO  
ENGAGE IN SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its Request the for Additional Time to Engage in Settlement Discussions, states:

1.     The Procurement Analysis Department reviewed Missouri Gas Energy's October 16, 2007 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing for the 2006-2007 period.
2.     Staff filed its Recommendation on December 12, 2008, which included five recommendations.
3.     Later in the month, MGE informed Staff about a computer programming error which resulted in MGE incorrectly billing one of its large volume customers.
4.     Staff and MGE are discussing this issue and are attempting to determine whether settlement is possible.
5.     Staff proposes to notify the Commission no later than January 22, 2010 whether settlement discussions have been fruitful, and if not, Staff will propose a procedural schedule for Commission consideration.
6.     Staff has contacted both the Office of the Public Counsel and the Company and neither oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests the Commission grant the Parties additional time to pursue settlement of the issues, and require a filing no later than January 22, 2010 concerning the progress of the discussions and if there is no settlement forthcoming, to require Staff to file a proposed procedural schedule for resolution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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