<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File, Case No. GE-2005-0247, File No. YG-2005-0740 Missouri Gas Energy

FROM: Tom Imhoff, Energy Department - Tariffs/Rate Design

/s/Warren Wood 3/24/05	/s/ Thomas R. Schwarz, Jr. 3/25/05
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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation On Missouri Gas Energy's Tariff Sheets Filed to Comply with the Commission's Report And Order And Motion For Expedited Treatment

DATE: March 24, 2005

On March 17, 2005, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued its Report and Order (Order) in Case No. GE-2005-0247. This Order granted Missouri Gas Energy (MGE or Company) a Variance from 4 CSR 240-13.050(3), and MGE's tariffs, pertaining to permitted hours for discontinuance of service.

MGE filed tariff sheets and on March 21, 2005, to comply with the Order. On March 22, 2005, MGE filed a Motion For Expedited Treatment (Motion) in order for these tariff sheets to take effect on April 4, 2005.

In its Motion filed on March 22, 2005, MGE is requesting an effective date of April 4, 2005, which would be less than the standard 30-day period. The beginning of daylight savings time on April 3, 2005, would coincide with MGE's request for the effective date of this change and would make the transition easier to implement.

The Commission's Energy Department - Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed each of the tariff sheets, as filed by MGE on March 21, 2005, and is of the opinion that these sheets are in compliance with the Commission's Order. Staff is also of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than 30 days notice is demonstrated by the ability to make actual contact with the customer facilitating collections sufficient to avoid discontinuance of service. Therefore, Staff recommends that the set of tariff sheets designated P.S.C. MO. No. 1, filed on March 21, 2005, be approved and to become effective on and after April 4, 2005.

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

Fourth Revised SHEET No. R-23, Canceling Third Revised SHEET No. R-23 Third Revised SHEET No. R-24, Canceling Second Revised SHEET No. R-24

The Staff has verified that MGE has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing; however, the following cases involving this company are pending before the Commission:

GC-2005-0008	GO-2004-0195	GR-2003-0330	GA-2005-0107
GC-2004-0023	GR-2002-348	GC-2005-0075	GO-2005-0019
GR-2001-382	GC-2004-0216	GR-2005-0104	GR-2001-382

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