Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson Cty, Mo. 25102 ECEIVED AUG 0 6 2003 Adjudication Division Subject: Prehearing Conference Set Ode: Sept. 04, 2003 Public Service Commission It had appeared to me that this situation would lead to some sort of hearing. As you have set a date for the said parties to meet for conference of settlement negotiations, it's not a very convenient time for me. I'm proposing that the prehearing conference be moved-up-to October 16, 2003 at 10:00 Am. in order for me to make travel arrangement for I have no transportation. Hopefully at this time, we may settle our differences. " Signec RECEIVED⁵ Cleveland Hardy AUG - 6 2003 Records Public Service Commission AUG 0 6 2003

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OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| Cleveland Hardy, | |) | |
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| | Complainant, |) | |
| v. | |) | Case No. GC-2004-0023 |
| Missouri Gas Energy, | | - } | |
| · | Respondent. |) | |

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND REQUIRING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This order sets a prehearing conference and requires the parties to file a procedural schedule.

On July 7, 2003, Cleveland Hardy filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Missouri Gas Energy. MGE filed its answer on July 28, 2003.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. At the prehearing conference, the parties or their representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the time necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each expects to offer at hearing; and the anticipated length of the hearing. The parties or their representatives should also be prepared to discuss the current status of settlement negotiations. The Commission

expects that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions.

The parties must jointly file a proposed procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule must establish dates for the filing of a list of the issues to be determined by the Commission and statements by the parties of their position on each issue. The proposed procedural schedule must also include a date for the filing of a list of the witnesses to be called on each day of hearing, the order in which they will appear and the order of cross-examination agreed upon by the parties. The proposed procedural schedule must also establish dates for filing testimony and for the hearing of this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That a prehearing conference will be held on September 4, 2003, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will be held at the Commission's offices at the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building is a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the prehearing conference.
- 2. That the parties must jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than September 12, 2003.

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