## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri Service Area

Case No. GR-2006-0422 Tariff File No. YG-2006-0845

### **ORDER REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Issue Date: August 25, 2006

Effective Date: August 25, 2006

The Missouri Public Service Commission will conduct local public hearings in this

matter. All hearings will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons present

have had an opportunity to voice their concerns, whichever is sooner.

The Commission will require Missouri Gas Energy to notify its customers of the local

public hearings with the following notice:

#### NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) has filed a natural gas rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase non-gas cost revenues by approximately \$41.7 million a year. Non-gas costs are general operating and maintenance costs typically representing 25 to 30 percent of a customer's total monthly natural gas bill.

Under the filing, the monthly increase or (decrease) for average customer in each rate class appears below:

Residential	\$6.52 per month
Small General Service	\$8.81 per month
Large General Service	NO CHANGE per month
Large Volume Service	NO CHANGE per month

This case does not involve the gas cost portion of your monthly bill. MGE can make up to three filings a year to adjust, up or down, natural gas rates to reflect changes from wholesale suppliers. <u>The Public Service Commission</u> <u>does not regulate wholesale supplier rates.</u>

The Public Service Commission will hold local public hearings to receive customer comments on MGE's rate case. Hearings will be held on October 26, 2006 at the following locations from 5:00 p.m. until all persons present have had an opportunity to voice their concerns.

Republic R-III High School 1 Tiger Drive Republic, Missouri 65738

Missouri Southern State College Webster Hall Auditorium 3950 E. Newman Rd. Joplin, Missouri 64801

Kansas City Public Library Helzberg Auditorium 14 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Additional local public hearings will be scheduled at a later date. Those hearings will be held in Marshall, St. Joseph, Stockton and Blue Springs. Because MGE may not be able to include this information as a bill insert, customers will be notified through their local newspapers or other sources intended to reach the largest population in those areas.

If you wish to comment or secure additional information, you may contact any of the following:

- The Missouri Public Service Commission by telephone at 1-800-392-4211, by e-mail at <u>pscinfo@psc.mo.gov</u>, or by mail at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
- The Office of the Public Counsel (your state-sponsored consumer advocate) at 573-751-4857, by e-mail at <u>mopco@ded.mo.gov</u>, or by mail at P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
- Missouri Gas Energy at 816-360-5980, by e-mail at MGE <u>rates@sug.com</u>

Hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in these hearings may call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-829-7541 (TDD hotline) prior to the meeting

Rates from the case are not expected to take effect until March 2007.

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Missouri Gas Energy shall issue a notice a set out above to all of its

customers in its Missouri service area.

2. This order shall become effective on August 25, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of August, 2006.