

**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 with the Agreement of Missouri Gas Energy and the Office of the Public Counsel states:

1. The Procurement Analysis Department reviewed Missouri Gas Energy's October 6, 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 may have resulted in one of its customers underpaying.

4. Staff and MGE are discussing the issues and, based on those discussions, believe settlement is possible.

5. MGE is submitting some recent additional information to the Procurement Analysis Staff for review.

6. Staff has discussed this pleading and the possibility of settlement with the Office of the Public Counsel.

7. The Company and Staff are in agreement that settlement discussions are productive likely to result in an agreement. MGE and Staff, with the concurrence of OPC,

propose to continue those discussions and file either an update, a Stipulation and Agreement or a proposed procedural schedule for Commission consideration no later than March 19, 2010.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests the Commission grant the Parties additional time to pursue settlement of the issues, and require a filing no later than March 19, 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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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 22nd day of January 2010.

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