

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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Change) **Case No. GR-2008-0367**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE

Issue Date: February 8, 2010

Effective Date: February 8, 2010

On December 30, 2009, the Staff of the Commission (hereafter "Staff") filed its Recommendation. Staff asks the Commission to adopt its Recommendation, and to order Empire to respond to Staff's pleadings within 30 days. On January 4, 2010, the Commission ordered MGE to respond no later than February 3, 2010.

On February 4, 2010, MGE filed a Motion for Leave. MGE states that as its counsel had not made any filing in this case, counsel was not served with a copy of the Commission's January 4, 2010 order. Thus, MGE's counsel was unaware of the order. MGE requests until February 17 to respond to Staff's Recommendation, and states that Staff does not object to the motion.

The Commission finds MGE's request reasonable, and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. MGE's Motion for Leave is granted.
2. Missouri Gas Energy shall respond to the Recommendation filed by the Staff of the Commission no later than February 17, 2010.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of February, 2010.