

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's
2006-2007 Actual Cost Adjustment

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File No. GR-2007-0256

ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: December 9, 2009

Effective Date: December 9, 2009

The Commission has established a procedural schedule for this case that leads to an evidentiary hearing on January 20 and 21, 2010. The next step on that procedural schedule would be the simultaneous filing of rebuttal testimony on December 15, 2009. On December 9, the Commission's Staff filed a request for additional time to engage in settlement discussions.

Staff explains that it is continuing to discuss the issues with Missouri Gas Energy and believes additional time for negotiation might result in a settlement of the case. Staff proposes to notify the Commission no later than January 22 whether the parties have reached a settlement. If there is no settlement, Staff will propose a new procedural schedule at that time. Staff represents that it has contacted Public Counsel and MGE, the only other parties to this case, and reports that neither oppose the request for more time.

Staff's request is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. The Commission will grant Staff's request by suspending the existing procedural schedule and canceling the scheduled hearing. If necessary, the Commission will establish a new procedural schedule if the parties so request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The procedural schedule for this case is suspended.
2. The hearing scheduled for January 20-21, 2010, is canceled.
3. The Commission's Staff shall file a pleading no later than January 22, 2010, indicating whether the parties have reached a settlement. If the parties have not reached a settlement, Staff shall file a new proposed procedural schedule at that time.
4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of December, 2009.