

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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Tariffs	)	
Increasing Rates for Gas Service Provided to	)	<b><u>Case No. GR-2006-0422</u></b>
Customers in the Company's Missouri Service	)	Tariff No. YG-2006-0845
Area	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: September 14, 2006

Effective Date: September 14, 2006

On August 7, 2006, Missouri Gas Energy filed a Motion for Accounting Authority Order concerning the 2005 Emergency Cold Weather Rule. Thereafter, the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel filed responses.

In its motion, MGE specifically requests the following:

- That MGE be authorized to maintain on its books a regulatory asset representing all costs of complying with the 2005 Cold Weather Emergency Rule (4 CSR 240-13.055(14))
- That the rates established in this case shall include, among other things, treatment of amounts deferred by MGE in accordance with 4 CSR 240-13.055(14) and this Accounting Authority Order
- That an amortization of such amounts be deferred pursuant to this AAO over a period of time ending no later than three years after rates become effective in this case.
- That any costs of complying with the 2005 Cold Weather Emergency Rule that are not addressed by the Commission's Report and Order in this case may remain on MGE's books until the effective date of a Report and Order in MGE's next general rate proceeding.

The Commission is concerned that MGE's specific requests may go beyond what is allowed by the Emergency Cold Weather Rule. Although Staff supports MGE's request, the

Commission will require Staff to file a pleading addressing MGE's specific requests, vis-à-vis the rule, and what aspects or elements of the AAO will be dealt with in this rate case.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file, no later than September 19, 2006, a pleading as described in the body of this order.
2. This order shall become effective on September 14, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 14th day of September, 2006.