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13	Approval To Change Its	
	Infrastructure System	
14	Replacement Surcharge	
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1	(Start time of hearing: 2:00 p.m.)					
2	PROCEEDINGS					
3	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good afternoon,					
4	everyone. Welcome to the Procedural Conference in					
5	Case No. GO-2014-0179. And we'll begin today					
6	taking entries of appearance.					
7	First of all, for MGE?					
8	MR. JACOBS: Todd Jacobs and Rick					
9	Zucker on behalf of MGE.					
10	JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Staff?					
11	MR. BORGMEYER: Appearing on behalf of					
12	the Staff of the Missouri Public Service					
13	Commission, my name is John Borgmeyer, and with me					
14	is Akayla Jones.					
15	JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Public					
16	Counsel?					
17	MR. POSTON: Marc Poston appearing for					
18	Public Counsel.					
19	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Is anyone there for					
20	Midwest Gas Users Association?					
21	(No response.)					
22	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay.					
23	UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: I'm sorry. Can					
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25	JUDGE WOODRUFF: I asked if anyone was					

Page 5 here for Midwest Gas Users Association. 2 (No response.) 3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Mr. Conrad has, apparently, not joined us yet. If he joins us 4 5 later, that will be fine. 6 I asked you all to take part of this 7 conference today so we can decide how we want to 8 proceed from here. Public Counsel has requested a hearing, and so we need to schedule from you all as to how we wish to proceed. If we want to have a 10 11 hearing, I assume we will have a hearing, and what 12 kind of hearing that will be, if it will have to be prefiled testimony, if we just want to bring 13 somebody in and ask questions. 14 15 Anybody have any thoughts on that? Mr. Poston, what were you expecting? 16 17 Mr. POSTON: Well, I was kind of hopeful that MGE would at least respond to the 18 projects I identified in my pleading. If it comes 19 20 to testimony, I would like to have something filed 21 before the hearing so I would have an opportunity to look at it. You know, something in addition to 22 23 live testimony. 24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. 25 MR. POSTON: Just so I have an

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- 1 opportunity to look at it. And I haven't done the
- 2 math to know what kind of a timeline we're looking
- 3 at.
- 4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, I can tell you
- 5 that. April 5th is the statutory deadline. That
- 6 would be the 60 days. We'd need to issue an order
- 7 with a 10-day effective date which means we'd have
- 8 to issue it on the agenda of March 26th. So, we
- 9 don't have a whole lot of time here. Okay. So,
- 10 keep -- with that in mind, I'll let you discuss
- 11 amongst yourselves how you want to proceed.
- 12 One other thing that came to my mind
- 13 when looking at this is what do we do with a second
- 14 tariff that was filed that has a March 7th
- 15 effective date, substitute tariff that MGE filed.
- Mr. Conrad, is that you?
- 17 MR. CONRAD: It is. I'm sorry. I had
- 18 to hang up on one call here.
- JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Well, we had
- 20 just gotten started and we took entries of
- 21 appearance. If you want to go ahead and make
- 22 yours.
- MR. CONRAD: Sure. Thanks, Judge.
- 24 Stuart Conrad, law firm of Finnegan, Conrad, and
- 25 Peterson, on behalf of Missouri Gas Users

Page 7 Association. 1 2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Thank you. 3 Before you came on the line, we were discussing that I needed a procedural schedule from 4 5 the parties as to what sort of hearing you wanted to have and when that can be. And I indicated that 6 7 we'd need to really issue an order -- Commission will need to issue an order by March 26th or have a 8 10-day effective date before the 60 day runs -- 60 days run out on April 5th. And we had just started 10 to move into the discussion about what to do with 11 12 the tariff that was filed a few weeks ago by MGE based on Staff's recommendations, which would have 13 an effective date of March 7th. 14 15 Mr. Jacobs or Mr. Zucker, what do you want to do with that tariff? 16 17 MR. JACOBS: We don't have a problem extending that tariff through the operational law 18 19 date. JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Well, if you 20 21 could do that for me as soon as possible, and then we'll have that out of the way. 22 23 We still have the tariff that was 24 originally filed back in December, also, that's 25 never been withdrawn. So, that's still there,

Page 8 also. But we can figure that out as long as we 2 don't have the operational law date of March 7th. 3 MR. POSTON: And that was suspended until when, the original? 4 5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: The original was never suspended. It had an April 5th effective 6 7 date. So, nothing was ever suspended. 8 MR. POSTON: Okay. 9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anything else anyone wants to bring up when we're on the record? 10 11 MR. POSTON: Do you have any 12 preference how we'd proceed as to when we come up with --13 14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: What you're 15 suggesting sounds reasonable to me for some sort of pre-filing in response to the questions that Public 16 17 Counsel raised. But how long before the hearing, 18 that's up to you guys to discuss that. 19 MR. POSTON: Okay. And we may be able to narrow the issues before that, so we would, I 20 21 imagine, file something, maybe even an issuance of narrow issues. 22 23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I think that would be 24 most helpful. 25 MR. POSTON: Okay.

Page 9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Maybe you guys can 1 2 work it all out, and that would be wonderful, too. 3 MR. POSTON: Yes. That would be 4 preferred, yes. 5 MR. BORGMEYER: I was going to say, do you have any comments or preferences or suggestions 6 7 about how long before the date of March 26th you would like the hearing to be conducted, or how much 8 time between then would be reasonable for you? I don't know if you have any suggestions on that. 10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: The best would be a 11 need for briefs and so forth, and we'll try to 12 13 squeeze that in there. 14 MR. JACOBS: I'm sorry. I'm having trouble hearing you. 15 16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I'm sorry. I'll come 17 closer to the table here. I'm up on the bench 18 here. 19 The question was about when we'd need submission to the Commission. Basically, it's how 20 21 long it would take me to write the order. 22 MR. JACOBS: Right. 23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I don't anticipate 24 this is going to be an extensive order, depending on what you come up with, but I would need to have 25

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1	it ready for the Commission, have to submit it on	
2	the Friday before the agenda. So, if you can give	
3	me at least a week, so we'd be talking about, like,	
4	the 15th.	
5	MR. BORGMEYER: You need to submit	
6	that the Friday before March 26th?	
7	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Correct.	
8	MR. BORGMEYER: Okay.	
9	JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anything else?	
10	MR. POSTON: I don't think so.	
11	MR. JACOBS: None for the Company.	
12	JUDGE WOODRUFF: That would conclude	
13	the on-the-record portion of the proceeding, and	
14	I'll leave you to your discussions.	
15	(Whereupon, the record ended at 2:08	
16	p.m.)	
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