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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good morning,
3 everyone. We're here for the prehearing
4 conference in Case No. GR-2004-0209, Missouri
5 Gas Energy's request for a rate increase. And
6 we'll begin by taking entries of appearance.
7 For MGE?

8 MR. HACK: Appearing for MGE, Robert
9 Hack, 3420 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri,
10 64101, and James C. Swearengen and Paul
11 Boudreau of the Law Firm of Brydon, Swearengen
12 & England, 312 East Capitol, P.O. Box 4560,
13 Jefferson City, Missouri, 6510 -- 1 or 2.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And for
15 staff?

16 MR. FRANSON: Bruce Bates, Bob
17 Berlin, Robert Franson, Thomas Morris, Jr., and
18 Lera Shemwell representing the Staff of the
19 Missouri Public Service Commission.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Public
21 Counsel?

22 MR. MICHEEL: Douglas E. Micheel,
23 appearing on behalf of the Office of Public
24 Counsel and the Public, P.O. Box 2230,
25 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102-2230

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1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And for
2 Midwest Gas Users?

3 MR. CONRAD: Stuart Conrad for
4 Midwest Gas Users, the law firm of Finnegan,
5 Conrad and Peterson, 3900 -- or 3100 Broadway,
6 Suite, 1209, Kansas City, Missouri, 64111.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Central
8 Missouri State, UMKC and Jackson County?

9 MR. CONRAD: Your Honor, I'm advised
10 that Mr. Finnegan is on his way.

11 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay.

12 MR. CONRAD: He just buzzed. So he
13 may be about to come in the building. But if
14 it would be all right, I'd go ahead and enter
15 Jeremiah Finnegan of the same law firm on
16 behalf of those two parties.

17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I believe these
18 three parties, but yes.

19 MR. CONRAD: Three parties. I'm
20 sorry.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: City of Kansas City?

22 MR. ANGSTEAD: Rob Angstead with the
23 law firm of Newman, Comley & Ruth here on
24 behalf of Mark Comley, 601 Monroe Street, P.O.
25 Box 537, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 on

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1 behalf of City of Kansas City.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And the Federal
3 Executive Agencies?

4 MAJOR PAULSEN: Major Craig Paulsen,
5 139 Barnes Drive, Suite 1, Tyndall Air Force
6 Base, Florida, 32403.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And the City of
8 Joplin filed application to intervene. Is
9 there anybody here for City of Joplin? I don't
10 hear a response. Okay. Any other parties that
11 I've neglected to mention? I think I got
12 everybody. Take up a couple pending motions.
13 As I mentioned a minute ago, there was an
14 application to intervene by the City of Joplin
15 that was filed on April 29th. Does anyone have
16 any objection to City of Joplin coming in?

17 MR. HACK: No.

18 MR. FRANSON: No, on behalf of Staff,
19 your Honor.

20 MR. CONRAD: No.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Hearing no
22 objections, I'll rule on this from the bench.
23 And I'll grant application to intervene for the
24 City of Joplin. A notice regarding that will
25 go out on paper later today. And there was

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1 also a motion to strike direct testimony that
2 was filed last week. I don't intend to rule on
3 that today from the bench. Does anyone wish to
4 be heard regarding that?

5 MR. FRANSON: Your Honor, not on the
6 merits. But staff will be filing the response
7 to that today. And by my calculations today is
8 Day No. 10 that that would be due.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. That will be
10 fine.

11 MR. MICHEEL: I filed mine today,
12 your Honor. It's already filed. So you should
13 -- it's on the EFIS.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: It should be coming
15 through soon then.

16 MR. MICHEEL: Yes, sir.

17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Very good.

18 MR. MICHEEL: Assuming the system is
19 up.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That's not always a
21 good assumption, but --

22 MR. MICHEEL: I understand that.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Any other
24 matters anyone wants to bring up while we're on
25 the record? I do have one other matter that I

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1 want to bring to your attention. This room is
2 scheduled for a mediation session tomorrow
3 morning. So you'll -- if you need to use this
4 room, you'll need to be somewhere else for
5 Tuesday morning.

6 MR. HACK: Is that it? I mean, we
7 have it the rest of the week, though?

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: You should have it
9 the rest of the week.

10 MR. HACK: Okay.

11 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Any other
12 matters?

13 MR. FRANSON: Your Honor, will you be
14 in the building if we should need to consult
15 with you this week?

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I expect to be in my
17 office all this week. Unless I'm in a meeting
18 or down the hall or whatever, I should be
19 around.

20 MR. FRANSON: Thank you, your Honor.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Any other matters
22 anyone wants to bring up? All right. With
23 that then, I'll leave to you your discussions.

24 MR. HACK: Thank you.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you all very

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