

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

In the matter of Missouri Gas Energy's)
Increasing Rates for Gas Service Provided)
To Customers in the Company's Missouri)
Service Area)

Case No. GR-2006-0422

STAFF'S PLEADING REGARDING CLASS COST OF SERVICE

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) on behalf of all of the Parties and respectfully submits as follows:

1. The Parties are working on a Partial Stipulation that is intended to resolve the issue of Class Cost of Service. The Parties expect to file this Partial Stipulation by November 30, 2006. Otherwise, the Parties will advise the Commission of the Status of this matter on November 30, 2006. This latter option will include any requests for procedural schedule changes to address this issue.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits Staff's Pleading regarding Class Cost of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 21st day of November, 2006.

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