

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
June 9, 2000**

CASE NO: GC-2000-611

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Enclosed find certified copy of a NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Beverly M. Ward IV and Rosalind)	
D. Ward,)	
Complainants,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2000-611</u>
)	
Missouri Gas Energy,)	
Respondent.)	

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

On March 30, 2000, Beverly M. Ward IV and Rosalind D. Ward (Complainants) filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) against Missouri Gas Energy (MGE).

Complainants alleged in their complaint, *inter alia*, that MGE improperly transferred an unpaid balance on a bill for gas service at 2609 Indiana Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri (service address). The service, the Complainants alleged, was rendered from October 1998 to March 1999 and was transferred to Complainants' account for gas service at the service address¹.

¹ The Complainants do not make it clear in their complaint, but the Commission assumes that the Complainants did not live at the service address at the time the disputed amount of gas service was incurred or, for some unstated reason, the Complainants were not liable for the disputed amount. The Complainants appeared to be living at the service address at the time the complaint was filed.

The Commission issued its notice of complaint on March 31, 2000, providing 30 days for MGE to file an answer, or, in the alternative, to file a request for mediation.

On April 28, 2000, MGE filed a notice of satisfaction of complaint. MGE stated that, without admitting any of the allegations in the Complaint, it believed it had satisfied the Complainants. Specifically, MGE stated that the disputed amount of the unpaid bill at the service address from October 1998 through March 1999 was \$669.05. This amount, stated MGE, was removed from the Complainants' account and added to the account of another person who had agreed to pay the disputed amount. MGE also requested that the Commission close this case.

On May 19, 2000, the Complainants filed their notice of dismissal which stated that they were dismissing their complaint in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(1).

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(1) states, in part:

"...[A] complainant may voluntarily dismiss [a] complaint without an order of the commission at any time before prepared testimony has been filed or oral evidence has been offered, by filing a notice of dismissal with the commission and serving a copy on all parties."

There has been no prepared testimony filed or oral evidence offered in this case, no party has asked for a hearing, and the Complainants' notice contained a certificate of service showing that a copy thereof had been served on all parties.

Thus, the Commission takes notice of the dismissal of this case.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of June, 2000.

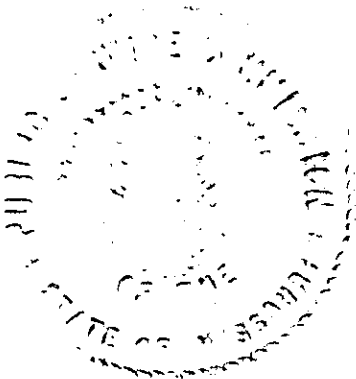
Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 9th day of June 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge