

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: GR-2000-425

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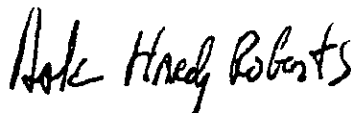
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased Gas)
Adjustment Factors to be Reviewed in Its 1999-2000) **Case No. GR-2000-425**
Actual Cost Adjustment.)

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On November 27, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its recommendation as directed by the Commission. Staff recommended an adjustment of \$5,886,058.13 to reduce Missouri Gas Energy's gas cost attributable to excessive transportation costs. Staff also recommended that the Company be directed to provide certain additional information regarding the reliability of its gas supply and the need for additional capacity, and that the case be held open pending resolution of other Missouri Gas Energy ACA cases (GR-96-450, GR-97-167, and GR-99-304).

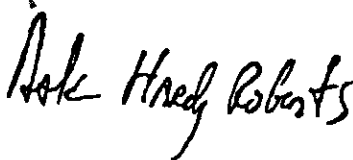
On December 27, 2001, Missouri Gas Energy filed its Response to Staff's Recommendation and Motion to Dismiss or Strike. The Company opposes the Mid-Kansas Partnership/Riverside Pipeline Company adjustment proposed by Staff. The Company also asserts that Staff's Peak Day Requirements Study Recommendation is not a proper topic for consideration in this ACA proceeding, and requests that the Commission dismiss or strike Staff's Peak Day Requirements Study Recommendation from consideration in this ACA case. The Company generally agrees that this case should remain open but without a procedural schedule pending a "final, non-appealable Commission decision on the MKP/RPC adjustment in Case No. GR-96-450."

The Commission will schedule a prehearing conference in order to facilitate the resolution of this matter. The parties should be prepared to address, among other things, the effect of the Commission's Report and Order, issued March 12, 2002, in GR-96-450 on this case. The parties may also be questioned regarding the Company's Motion to Dismiss or Strike or regarding any other pleading. In addition, the parties should be able to discuss proposed procedural schedules.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference is scheduled for April 24, 2002, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 305, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the conference.
2. That this order shall become effective on April 11, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

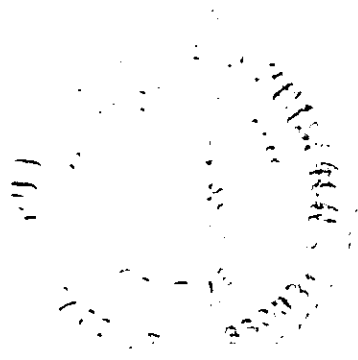
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of April, 2002.

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 1ST day of April 2002 .



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge