

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
December 6, 2001**

CASE NO: GR-2000-425

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

Sincerely,

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

**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 Actual Cost
Adjustment

} **Case No. GR-2000-425**

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Added Staff Staff
On November 27, 2001, the Staff of the Public Service Commission filed its recommendation as directed by the Commission's October 31, 2000 order. Staff notes that there are currently pending before the Commission prior ACA/PGA cases of Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) in which the Staff has recommended adjustments: GR-96-450; GR-98-167; and GR-99-304. The parties in the lead case, GR-96-450, are scheduled to file reply briefs on November 30, 2001.

In this case, the Staff recommends an adjustment of \$5,886,058.13 to reduce MGE's gas cost attributable to excessive transportation costs. Staff additionally recommends that this case be held open pending resolution of the earlier MGE ACA cases, and that MGE provide additional information regarding the reliability of its gas supply and the need for additional capacity. Staff also recommends that the Commission direct MGE to respond to Staff's recommendation within 30 days.

The Commission has reviewed the Staff's filing, and finds that MGE should be directed to respond to Staff's recommendation. The Office of the Public Counsel may also file a response.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Missouri Gas Energy shall file its response to the Staff's recommendation no later than December 27, 2001. The Office of the Public Counsel may file a response by the same date.
2. That this order shall become effective on December 16, 2001.

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.

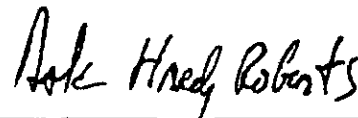
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of December, 2001.

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 6th day of Dec. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

