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STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 18th day of January, 2000.

Maurice Banks,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	Case No. GC-2000-370
)	
Missouri Gas Energy,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER DISMISSING CASE

On December 16, 1999, Maurice Banks (Banks) filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) against Missouri Gas Energy (MGE).

Banks stated in his complaint that he had applied for gas service for a commercial property and had been denied service without cause. Banks stated that he had submitted to MGE a copy of his state-issued identification and a copy of his lease. Banks requested that the denied service be started immediately and that he be paid the amount of his lease payments as long as he was without service.

The Commission issued its Notice of Complaint on December 17, 1999, providing 30 days for MGE to file an answer, or, in the alternative, to file a request for mediation. MGE never filed an answer.

On January 11, 2000, Banks filed a notice of dismissal pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(1), which states, in part:

An applicant or complainant may voluntarily dismiss an application or 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. Thus, the Commission will dismiss this case pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Complaint filed on December 16, 1999, by Maurice Banks against Missouri Gas Energy is dismissed.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on January 28, 2000.
 - 3. That this case may be closed on January 31, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray, Schemenauer, and Drainer, CC., concur

Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge