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CASE NO: GR-2000-425

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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# 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 DIRECTING FILING

On April 24, 2002, a prehearing conference was conducted in this case. During the conference, the regulatory law judge asked counsel for Missouri Gas Energy a specific technical question. The company requested that it be provided with a written version of the question, and be allowed to respond in writing at a later date. The regulatory law judge agreed to the request, and indicated that she would issue an order restating the question.

## Question for Missouri Gas Energy:

On April 2, 2002, Staff filed its response to Missouri Gas Energy's Motion to Dismiss or Strike. Staff's response notes that the company submitted a 2000/2001 Reliability Report that shows peak day estimates for the eleven years of 2000/2001 - 2010/2011. According to Staff, the company indicates that it has performed a series of regression analyses on the historic daily firm sales to determine the base load and weather sensitive heat load factors. However, Staff claims that the information provided by the company does not support the that regression analyses are used to develop these estimates. Staff recommends that the input and output sheets of the regression analyses be submitted to support the company's method of estimating peak day demand.

Missouri Gas Energy, please clarify whether you are willing to provide the input and output sheets of the regression analyses; if the company is not to provide this information, explain why.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That no later than May 8, 2002, Missouri Gas Energy shall file a response to the question noted in this order.
  - 2. That this order shall become effective on May 4, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24th 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  $\underline{24^{th}}$  day of April 2002 .

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge