#### MISSOURI GAS ENERGY

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## MISSOURI GAS ENERGY DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri Rate Case No: GR-2004-0209

Data Request No: 0173

Requested	From

Robert Franson

Date Requested:

5/12/04

# Information Requested:

Please provide information concerning any communication between current members of the Commission Staff and current members of the Commission regarding rate of return, return on equity and/or capital structure since August 1, 2001, outside the context of a filed rate case. Please also provide copies of any written material provided in connection with said communications and any memorialization of the communications that have taken place, if any. With respect to the materials provided, please identify by whom and to whom the material was provided.

Requested By: Michael R. Noack

Information Provided:

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Requested From:

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## Information Requested:

Please provide information concerning any communication between current members of the Commission Staff and current members of the Commission regarding deprecation rates, depreciation study and/or the treatment of net salvage/cost of removal since August 1, 2001, outside the context of a filed rate case. Please also provide copies of any written material provided in connection with said communications and any memorialization of the communications that have taken place, if any. With respect to the materials provided, please identify by whom and to whom the material was provided.

Requested By: Michael R. Noack

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Re:

Case No. GR-2004-0209

Staff Objections to MGE DRs 173 and 174

Dear Paul:

This letter is in regard to Data Requests (DRs) 173 and 174 received by Staff on May 12, 2004.

Staff objects to DR No. 173. This DR seeks information regarding whether any current member of the Staff had any conversations with any current Commissioner regarding rate of return, return on equity and/or capital structure since August 1, 2001. Staff objects to this DR as irrelevant in that it is not likely or intended to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Furthermore this DR is unduly burdensome and Staff objects on this basis also. In order to answer this DR, Staff would be required to poll current Commissioners and to poll current employees. Any contact with current Commissioners would clearly be inappropriate as ex parte contact.

Staff objects to DR No. 174. This DR seeks information regarding whether any current member of the Staff, had any conversations with any current Commissioner or any individual Commissioner regarding depreciation, depreciation studies and/or the treatment of net salvage, cost of removal since August 1, 2001. Staff objects to this DR as irrelevant in that it is not likely or intended to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Furthermore, this DR is unduly burdensome and Staff objects on this basis also. In order to answer this DR, Staff would be required to poll current Commissioners and to poll current employees. Any contact with current Commissioners would clearly be inappropriate as ex parte contact.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert V. Franson

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