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RE: Case No. GR-99-304

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **OCTOBER, 2001, STAFF FILING**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be)
Reviewed in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost)
Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-99-304

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1. On February 26, 2001, the Commission ordered the Staff to apprise it of the status of each case whose resolution will address issues currently pending in MGE's 1996-1997 ACA case, and that should be held in abeyance pending resolution of Case No. GR-96-450.

1. These MGE ACA cases are currently pending:

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| GR-96-450 | 1996/97 ACA. The hearing in this case was held September 17 through 21, 2001. The Commission has directed that parties file initial briefs on or before November 8, 2001, and reply briefs on November 28, 2001. |
| GR-98-167 | 1997/98 ACA. Staff recommendation filed 8/12/99; MGE response filed 10/19/99. |
| GR-99-304 | 1998/99 ACA. Case being held in abeyance pending resolution of GR-96-450. |
| GR-2000-425 | 1999/00 ACA. Staff recommendation ordered filed by 12/1/01. |
| GR-2001-382 | 2000/01 ACA. On April 23, Commission adopted a procedural schedule to dispose of case on an accelerated |

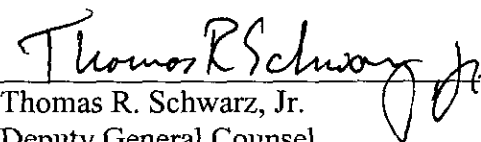
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basis. The schedule calls for Staff's recommendation to be filed 11/2/01; MGE's response filed on 12/20/01; direct testimony of all parties on 1/24/02; rebuttal of all parties on 2/28/02; surrebuttal of all parties on 3/28/02; and hearing on 4/15 through 4/19/02.

3. In each of the above-listed cases the Staff has proposed, or anticipates proposing, an adjustment based upon the prudence of MGE's contract with Kansas Pipeline Company/Riverside Partnership for transportation of natural gas. The Commission's decision on this issue in Case No. GR-96-450 will directly and substantially affect the procedure in the ensuing ACA cases. With the exception of Case No. GR-2001-382, the Staff suggests that the Commission continue to hold MGE's ACA cases in abeyance pending its resolution of Case No. GR-96-450.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 15th day of October, 2001.

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