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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's )  
Tariff Sheets Designed to Increase Rates ) Case No. GR-98-140  
for Gas Service in the Company's Missouri )  
Service Area. )

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's )  
Proposed Modifications to its Facilities ) Case No. GT-98-237✓  
Extension Policy. )

**ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING**

Missouri Gas Energy, the Commission Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel filed a Stipulation and Agreement Regarding True-Up Audit and Hearing on April 10, 1998. The agreement purports to resolve the issues of the time period for which a true-up audit will be conducted and the items to be addressed in the true-up audit. The agreement also proposes dates for the filing of true-up testimony and for a true-up hearing. Midwest Gas Users Association and Jackson County, et al. filed a Joint Objection to Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.115(3) on April 17. These intervenors object to the stipulation's specification of items to be included in the true-up audit and request a hearing on the matter. They also state that they did not receive a copy of the stipulation until April 13 which is relevant because 4 CSR 240-2.115(3) allows parties only five days from receipt of notice of a stipulation to file a request for hearing.

The Commission finds that a hearing should be conducted to consider the objections raised to the true-up stipulation. Because this case is set for an evidentiary hearing in May, and because of the exigencies of the Commission's hearing schedule, the public necessity requires that this

limited hearing be held on less than ten days notice as permitted by 4 CSR 240-2.110(2). The Commission will conduct a hearing on Tuesday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the objections raised to the Stipulation and Agreement filed on April 10.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Commission will conduct a hearing on Tuesday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m. to consider the objections raised to the Stipulation and Agreement Regarding True-Up Audit and Hearing filed on April 10, 1998. The hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

2. That anyone wishing to attend the hearing who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission as soon as possible at: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

3. That this order shall become effective on April 20, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Elaine E. Bensavage, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority under Commission  
Directive of July 28, 1989, pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 1986.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 20th day of April, 1998.