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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 **MARCH 2002 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
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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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

MARCH 2002 STAFF FILING

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.

2. These MGE ACA cases are currently pending:

GR-96-450	1996/97 ACA. The Commission issued its Report and Order on March 12, 2002, effective March 22, 2002.
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 was filed on 11/27/01; MGE's response was filed on 12/27/01.
GR-2001-382	2000/01 ACA. The Commission granted Staff an extension until March 28, 2002, to file its recommendation in this case. Staff filed its new proposed procedural schedule on December 13, 2001, and the Commission ordered a procedural schedule on January 2, 2002. The case is scheduled for hearing, if needed October 21 through 25, 2002.

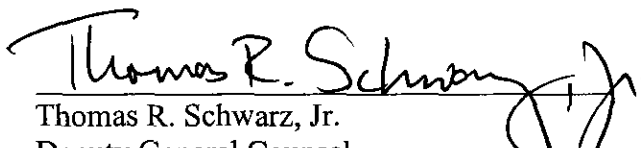
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GR-2002-348 2001/2002 ACA. Case established January 28, 2002 to track MGE's PGA factors to be reviewed in MGE's 2001-2002 ACA filing.

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 Nos. GR-2001-382, and GR-2002-348, 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,

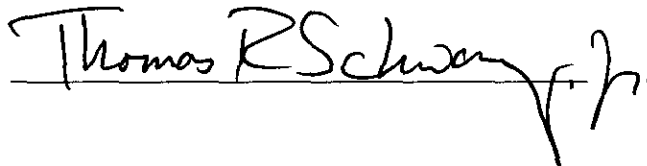
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 18th day of March, 2002.



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