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MISSOURI FUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,

Case No. GO-97-242, File No. 9700715, Missouri Gas Energy

FROM:

Mack McDuffey, Energy Department - Rates

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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Compliance Filing

DATE:

April 23, 1997

On April 16, 1997, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE or Company) of Kansas City, Missouri filed tariff sheets to comply with the Missouri Public Service Commission's (Commission) ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE (Order) issued April 11, 1997 in Case No. GO-97-242. On April 23, 1997, MGE filed a substitute tariff sheet correcting a typographical error. The filed tariff sheets bore an effective date of May 21, 1997 to provide for a thirty day notice period. proposed tariff sheets reflect a temporary variance relating to the removal, testing and inspection of gas meters and repagination of textural material. In order to implement the provisions of the variance as soon as possible, MGE requested expedited treatment of the tariffs and proposed that the tariff sheets be allowed to go into effect on April 29, 1997.

The Commission's Energy - Rates Staff (Staff) has reviewed the filed tariff sheets and has determined that they reflect the variance granted and are in compliance with the Commission's Order. Staff also recommends that MGE's request for expedited treatment allowing the tariff sheets to become effective on April 29, 1997, be granted. Therefore Staff recommends that the following tariff sheets, as substituted, be approved for service on and after April 29, 1997:

P.S.C. MO. No.1 First Revised SHEET No. R-42.1 Canceling Original SHEET No. R-42.1 First Revised SHEET No. R-43 Canceling Original SHEET No. R-43

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