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TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

DAVID G. WINTER

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY

CASE NO. GR-2006-0422

Jefferson City, Missouri
December 2006

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Tariff)
Sheets Designed to Increase Rates for Gas Service)
in the Company's Missouri Service Area)

Case No. GR-2006-0422

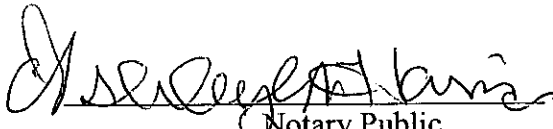
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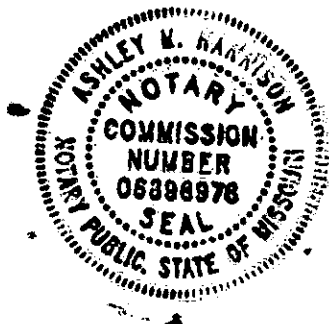
STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

David G. Winter, of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the foregoing True Up Direct Testimony in question and answer form, consisting of 3 pages to be presented in the above case; that the answers in the foregoing True Up Direct Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.


David G. Winter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of December 2006.


Notary Public



ASHLEY M. HARRISON
Notary Public - State of Missouri
My Commission Expires August 31, 2010
Cole County
Commission #06898978

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5 Q. Please state your name and business address.

6 A. David G. Winter, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

7 Q. Are you the same David G. Winter who has previously filed direct, rebuttal
8 and surrebuttal testimony in this proceeding for the Staff?

9 A. Yes, I am.

10 Q. What is the purpose of your true-up direct testimony?

11 A. The purpose of this testimony is to report the results of the Staff's true-up audit
12 of Missouri Gas Energy (MGE or Company) in this proceeding.

13 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

14 Q. Please briefly summarize your true-up direct testimony.

15 A. The Staff has performed a true-up audit of MGE's gas operations as agreed to
16 by the parties in this proceeding. The Staff updated its recommended level of MGE's revenue
17 requirement based on a review of certain components of MGE's books and records through
18 the end of October 31, 2006. In this testimony, I will discuss the results of this audit.

19 **TRUE-UP AUDIT**

20 Q. Please describe the true-up audit of MGEs gas operations performed by the
21 Staff in this proceeding.

1 A. The Staff has updated its case to reflect known and measurable events
2 affecting significant elements of MGE's revenue requirement for the period June 30, 2006
3 through October 31, 2006. The revenue requirement areas updated by the Staff are the
4 following:

5 Rate Base: plant in service, depreciation reserve, cash working capital (annualized
6 amounts only), materials and supplies, prepayments, alternative minimum tax credit, prepaid
7 pension asset, gas inventory, customer advances for construction, customer deposits and
8 deferred taxes.

9 Income Statement: revenues from customer growth¹, payroll – employee levels and
10 current wage rates, rate case expense, depreciation expense, related income tax effects,
11 Emergency Cold Weather Rule costs and injuries and damages.

12 Q. Did the Staff update pension costs?

13 A. No. Pension costs through October were already incorporated into the Staff's
14 direct case. Therefore, pension costs are not part of the Staff's true-up audit.

15 Q. How did the Staff conduct its true-up audit?

16 A. The Staff updated its analyses in the areas listed above using the same methods
17 and approaches it used in its cost of service calculation reflected in the Reconciliation filed
18 with the Commission in this case. Any method and/or assumption changes from Staff's direct
19 filing are addressed in Staff's rebuttal and/or surrebuttal testimony. To the extent a method

¹ The Staff and Company agreed not to true-up residential, small general service (SGS), large general service (LGS), large volume customers (LVS) and transportation customers for growth. The amount of growth for the LVS and transportation customers was not significant enough to true-up. In addition, the Company continued to lose LGS customers up through the true-up period which would offset any amount of growth from its residential and SGS customers.

1 was changed from Staff's direct case in rebuttal and/or surrebuttal, then those methods were
2 consistently used on the true-up process.

3 Q. What capital structure and rate of return did the Staff use in its true-up audit?

4 A. The Staff used the capital structure and rate of return as discussed in the direct
5 true-up testimony of Staff witness David Murray.

6 Q. What were the overall results of the Staff's true-up audit?

7 A. The true-up audit resulted in an increase in the Staff's proposed revenue
8 requirement for MGE from \$16,050,932 to \$18,407,743 at the midpoint rate of return, or an
9 increase of \$2,356,811.

10 Q. Is the Staff filing true-up Accounting Schedules along with its true-up
11 testimony?

12 A. Yes. As with its initial direct filing, the filed accounting schedules support the
13 Staff's true-up revenue requirement.

14 Q. Does this conclude your direct true-up testimony?

15 A. Yes, it does.