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Missouri Public
Service Commission

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Missouri Gas)
Energy's Application for variance)
from Sheet Nos. 24.18 and 61.4 to)
permit the use of certain federal)
refunds and unauthorized use charge)
collections for the benefit of low-)
income customers in the company's)
service area.)

Case No. GE-2001-393

RESPONSE BY MIDWEST GAS USERS' ASSOCIATION
TO
MGE RESPONSE TO AGENDA DISCUSSION


COMES NOW Midwest Gas Users' Association (Midwest) and
responds to Missouri Gas Energy's Response to Agenda Discussion
(MGE's Agenda Response) of February 2, 2001 as follows:

1. Counsel for Midwest received a copy of MGE's
Agenda Response in today's mail. We are concerned that our
position may have been misunderstood.
2. Midwest has intentionally *taken no position* and
herein takes none regarding the Commission's legal authority or
lack thereof to grant MGE's specific request for waiver. It

would be incorrect to infer or imply any substantive statement regarding that issue from our Statement of Position.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by U.S. mail, postage prepaid addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as disclosed by the pleadings and orders herein.



Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: February 5, 2001