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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Case No. GE-2001-550

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

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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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's)	
Annual Report.)	Case No. GE-2001-550

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

On April 13, 2001, Missouri Gas Energy filed a motion seeking a thirty day extension of time to file its annual report. As explained in the attached memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission grant the extension.

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 19th day of April, 2001.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No. GE-2001-550, Missouri Gas Energy

FROM:

Bill Meyer, Project Coordinator Roy Boltz, Regulatory Auditor

Project Coordinator Date 4//9/2001

eneral Counsel's Office/Data 7/19/07

SUBJECT:

Staff's Recommendation for Approval of Annual Report Extension Filing

DATE:

April 19, 2001

On April 13, 2001, Missouri Gas Energy, (Company) filed a motion requesting an extension of thirty (30) days to file their 2000 Annual Report. The Company's reason for an extension is due to the press of multiple projects requiring substantial and simultaneous attention of its accounting staff. The extension will allow for proper preparation of the Annual Report.

The Company's request was forwarded to the following employees to see if they had any objections to granting the request: Ron Bible, Chuck Hyneman, Lisa Kremer, Wess Henderson, Kevin Kelly, Bob Schallenberg, Dave Sommerer, Steve Traxler and Warren Wood. No objections to the request were received.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Staff's recommendation is to approve the request as the Company has shown good cause. The Staff recommends including a statement that the Company needs to strive to meet known deadlines in the future. The Staff further recommends that Missouri Gas Energy attach a copy of the Commission Order approving the late filing to the annual report when submitted.

Service List for Case No. GE-2001-550 Revised: April 19, 2001 (ccl)

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