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## TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY

## **TED ROBERTSON**

Submitted on Behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY Case No. GR-2009-0355

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOUR!

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's	)	
Tariff Sheets Designed to Increase	)	Cara Na CD 2000 0255
Rates for Gas Service in the	)	Case No. GR-2009-0355
Company's Missouri Service Area.	)	

## AFFIDAVIT OF TED ROBERTSON

STATE OF MISSOURI		
	)	SS
COUNTY OF COLE	)	

Ted Robertson, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

- 1. My name is Ted Robertson. I am a Public Utility Accountant for the Office of the Public Counsel.
- 2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my true-up direct testimony.
- 3. I hereby swear and affirm that my statements contained in the attached testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ted Robertson, C.P.A.
Public Utility Accountant III

Subscribed and sworn to me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

Jerene A. Buckman Notary Public

My Commission expires August 23, 2013.

TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY 1 OF 2 TED ROBERTSON 3 4 MISSOURI GAS ENERGY 5 CASE NO. GR-2009-0355 6 7 8 INTRODUCTION 9 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS. 10 A. Ted Robertson, P. O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. 11 ARE YOU THE SAME TED ROBERTSON THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY IN THIS 12 Q. 13 CASE? 14 A. Yes. 15 WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY? 16 Q. 17 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide the Public Counsel's position on the issue of rate case 18 expense in the true-up. 19 20 Q. PLEASE CONTINUE. During the true-up period Company booked to USAO Account No. 186 additional expense of 21 A. 22 approximately \$229,963.80. 23 WHAT IS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE COSTS BOOKED? 24 Q. Public Counsel recommends that the costs incurred, excluding those for legal representation and 25 A. 26 outside consultants, be normalized over three years. 27 IS IT EXPECTED THAT COMPANY WILL INCUR ANY ADDITIONAL RATE CASE EXPENSE 28 29 GOING FORWARD IN THE CURRENT CASE? Yes. Company provided Public Counsel with an e-mail on 11/19/2009 wherein it stated it has 30 already incurred approximately another \$344,770.90 and it also estimates that it will incur an 31

1	1	additional \$90,000 for the services of its legal representatives and an outside consultant before the
2		case is finished.
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4	Q.	WHAT IS THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S POSITION ON THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ALREADY
5		INCURRED?
6	Α.	Public Counsel recommends that the costs incurred, excluding those for legal representation and
7		outside consultants, be normalized over three years.
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9	Q.	DOES PUBLIC COUNSEL ALSO RECOMMEND DISALLOWANCE OF THE ESTIMATED
0	)	ADDITIONAL COSTS?
1	Α.	Yes. It is the Public Counsel's position that all of the costs associated with the legal representation
2		and outside consultants should be disallowed. Plus, the costs are not known and measurable at this
3		time.
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5	Q.	DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY?
6	A.	Yes, it does.