

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Ronald Kitchen,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2006-0066</u>
)	
Missouri Gas Energy,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Issue Date: March 27, 2006

Effective Date: March 27, 2006

On August 8, 2005, Ronald Kitchen filed a complaint against Missouri Gas Energy. Complainant alleged that he was wrongfully forced to pay someone else's gas bill. For relief, Complainant requested compensation for letters sent to legislators and senators and for emotional distress this matter has caused. Complainant also requested that MGE be directed to supply a copy of its tariff.

On March 1, 2006, Respondent filed a pleading informing the Commission that it made an offer to Complainant to credit his account in the amount of \$247.71, the amount Complainant paid for someone else's bill. Complainant responded that he does not accept the offer and does not want his case dismissed.

Hereby, the Commission informs Complainant that the Commission cannot grant the monetary relief Complainant requests.¹ Other cases uphold this conclusion. There are

¹ *B.G. DeMaranville, et al., v. Fee Fee Trunk Sewer, Inc.*, 573 S.W.2d 674 (Mo. App. 1978).

none that hold otherwise. Furthermore, were Complainant to prevail in an evidentiary hearing, the Commission might only be able to order what, in fact, Respondent has offered as a settlement.

The Commission will therefore require Complainant to file a pleading setting forth reasons why this complaint should not be dismissed.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Ronald Kitchen shall file no later than April 26, 2006, a pleading setting forth reasons why this complaint should not be dismissed.
2. This order shall become effective on March 27, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of March, 2006.