

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Tariffs)
Increasing Rates for Gas Service Provided to) **Case No. GR-2006-0422**
Customers in the Company's Missouri Service) **Tariff No. YG-2006-0845**
Area)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issue Date: October 10, 2006

Effective Date: October 10, 2006

On August 25, 2006, the Missouri Public Service Commission directed Missouri Gas Energy to include as a bill insert notice of local public hearings to be held in Republic, Joplin, and Kansas City, Missouri. MGE was also to include notice that local public hearings would be held in Marshall, St. Joseph, Stockton, and Blue Springs, Missouri.

While scheduling the above four local public hearings, the Commission has come to realize that, with the exception of St. Joseph, it is not technically feasible to hold hearings in Stockton, Marshall nor Blue Springs. Rather, the Commission has scheduled hearings to be held in nearby cities. Rather than Marshall, the Commission will hold a local public hearing in Slater on October 24, 2006. On that same evening, the Commission will also hold a local public hearing in St. Joseph. On October 25, 2006, the Commission will hold local public hearings in Warrensburg and Nevada, Missouri.

The Commission realizes that it is now too late to include information about these upcoming local public hearings as a bill insert. Rather, the Commission will direct MGE to sponsor 1/8th-page advertisements in the local newspapers of St. Joseph, Slater,

Warrensburg and Nevada. Specifically, the remaining four local public hearings will be held as follows:

October 24, 2006: Slater, Missouri High School
ITV Room
515 Elm
Slater, Missouri

Hillyard Technical Center
ITV Room
3434 Faraon
St. Joseph, Missouri

October 25, 2006: Central Missouri State University
James C. Kirkpatrick Library
Room 1430
Warrensburg, Missouri

Nevada Telecenter
2015 N West Street
Nevada, Missouri

The notice that MGE shall give in the local newspapers shall be as follows:

The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a

LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING ON

[date]

at

[location]

for the purpose of taking public comment regarding

**MISSOURI GAS ENERGY'S RATE INCREASE REQUEST
of \$41.7 Million per year**

The hearing will be held from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner.

A question and answer session will be held from 5-5:30. Thereafter, Comments will be heard.

The Commission notes that, with regard to Slater, the local newspaper is circulated only on Thursdays. MGE must notify the newspaper in Slater one week prior to publication,

which will be Thursday, October 12. Also, the newspapers in St. Joseph and Nevada are only circulated on Sunday. MGE shall sponsor notice in those cities on October 22, and if possible, October 15. The local newspaper in Warrensburg is only printed Monday through Friday. The Commission will require MGE to sponsor notice every possible day between the date of this order and the date of the hearing in Warrensburg. The Commission realizes that MGE's ability to do so is limited by the newspaper's ability to accommodate MGE's request.

The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the County Commissions of Chariton, Carroll, Howard, Buchanan, Andrew, De Kalb, Clinton, Johnson, Pettis, Cooper, Moniteau, Henry, Vernon, Barton, Cedar, and Dade Counties. Additionally, the Commission's Public Information Officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Chariton, Carroll, Howard, Buchanan, Andrew, De Kalb, Clinton, Johnson, Pettis, Cooper, Moniteau, Henry, Vernon, Barton, Cedar, and Dade Counties and to members of the General Assembly representing those counties.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Missouri Gas Energy shall sponsor notice in the Slater Main Street News to be circulated on Thursday, October 19, 2006.
2. Missouri Gas Energy shall sponsor notice in the St. Joseph News Press to be circulated on Sunday, October 22 and, press time permitting, on Sunday, October 15.
3. Missouri Gas Energy shall sponsor notice in the Nevada Daily Mail to be circulated on Sunday, October 22 and, press time permitting, on Sunday, October 15.
4. Missouri Gas Energy shall sponsor notice in the Warrensburg Daily Star Journal as directed in the body of this order.

5. The Commission's Data Center shall give notice as directed in the body of this order.

6. The Commission's Public Information Officer shall give notice as directed in the body of this order.

7. This order shall become effective on October 10, 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, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of October, 2006.