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In the Matter of the General Rate )  
Increase For Natural Gas Service ) Case No. GR-2008-0060  
13 Provided by Missouri Gas Utility, )  
Inc. )

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In the Matter of Missouri Gas )  
Utility, Inc.'s Purchased Gas )  
Adjustment(PGA) Factors to be ) Case No. GR-2007-0178  
16 Audited in Its 2005-2006 Actual )  
Cost Adjustment )

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HAROLD STEARLEY, Presiding,  
19 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE STEARLEY: Good morning. This  
3 morning is October 10th, 2007, and we're here for  
4 conferences in two matters that we've consolidated this  
5 morning, if my understanding is correct; the case that I'm  
6 presiding over in the matter of the general rate increase  
7 for natural gas service provided by Missouri Gas Utility,  
8 Incorporated, which is Case No. GR-2008-0060, and Judge  
9 Dippell's case in the matter of Missouri Gas Utility,  
10 Incorporated's purchased gas adjustment factors to be  
11 audited in its 2005-2006 actual cost adjustment, Case No.  
12 GR-2007-0178.

13 My name is Harold Stearley, and I'm the  
14 presiding officer for this conference. Our court reporter  
15 this morning is Kellene Feddersen. And we'll begin by  
16 taking entries of appearance, starting with Missouri Gas  
17 Utility.

18 MR. COOPER: Dean L. Cooper from the law  
19 firm of Brydon, Swearngen & England, P.C., P.O. Box 456,  
20 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on behalf of  
21 Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.

22 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Cooper.  
23 Staff?

24 MR. THOMPSON: Kevin Thompson for the Staff  
25 of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office

1 Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

2 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Thompson.  
3 Office of the Public Counsel?

4 MR. POSTON: Thank you. Marc Poston  
5 appearing for the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O.  
6 Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

7 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Poston.  
8 Are there any other -- any preliminary matters we need to  
9 take up at this time? Anything pending?

10 (No response.)

11 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Well, I have  
12 an order for procedural schedule in the rate case to be  
13 due a week from today. It's also my understanding there's  
14 no disagreement on the test year for the rate case.

15 MR. COOPER: The test year, yes.

16 JUDGE STEARLEY: So when the order comes  
17 out adopting procedural schedule, I'm sure the Commission  
18 will go ahead and approve that as well.

19 If there's no other matters we need to take  
20 up --

21 MR. COOPER: Judge, I think that we  
22 probably are -- I don't know that there's going to be a  
23 disagreement, but I think that in terms of update or  
24 true-up, that's one of the things we were going to discuss  
25 today and make sure that everybody was on the same page

1 with that side of things.

2 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. When you file  
3 the procedural schedule, you can perhaps give me a status  
4 report on that.

5 Well, if there's no other matters we need  
6 to take up in the on-the-record portion of this, we will  
7 go off the record and I'll leave you-all to your  
8 deliberations. Thank you all.

9 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the  
10 prehearing conference was concluded.

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2 STATE OF MISSOURI )  
3 COUNTY OF COLE ) ss.

4 I, Kellene K. Feddersen, Certified  
5 Shorthand Reporter with the firm of Midwest Litigation  
6 Services, and Notary Public within and for the State of  
7 Missouri, do hereby certify that I was personally present  
8 at the proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at the  
9 time and place set forth in the caption sheet thereof;  
10 that I then and there took down in Stenotype the  
11 proceedings had; and that the foregoing is a full, true  
12 and correct transcript of such Stenotype notes so made at  
13 such time and place.

14 Given at my office in the City of  
15 Jefferson, County of Cole, State of Missouri.

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17 Kellene K. Feddersen, RPR, CSR, CCR  
18 Notary Public (County of Cole)  
My commission expires March 28, 2009.

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