

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the matter of Missouri Gas Energy's tariff)
sheets designed to increase rates for gas)
service in the Company's Missouri service)
area.)

Case No. GR-98-140

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) for their proposed procedural schedule state:

1. In the Commission's Suspension Order and Notice dated October 29, 1997, the Commission ordered the Staff to file a proposed procedural schedule on or before November 26, 1997.

2. After discussion with Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) and several of the intervenors, the Staff and OPC propose the following schedule:

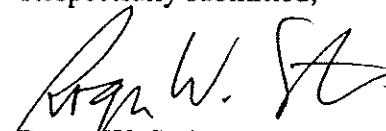
Direct Testimony All Parties Except MGE	March 24, 1998
Direct Testimony - Rate Design All Parties Except MGE	March 30, 1998
Prehearing Conference	April 6-10, 1998
Rebuttal Testimony All Parties	April 22, 1998
Surrebuttal Testimony All Parties	May 15, 1998
Hearing Memorandum and Case Reconciliation	May 20, 1998
Evidentiary Hearings (Ordered)	May 26-June 3, 1998

3. Staff, OPC, and the parties that have filed motions to intervene (Riverside Pipeline Company, L.P.; Mid-Kansas Partnership; Mountain Energy Corporation; Midwest Gas Users' Association; Williams Natural Gas Company; the City of Kansas City, Missouri; Jackson County, Missouri; Central Missouri State University; and University of Missouri-Kansas City) all concur in the above schedule. MGE does not agree with the above schedule.

4. The Staff and OPC also request that MGE be required to update its revenue requirement to reflect the Commission-ordered test year. This update should not propose any new adjustments, but should reflect the same concept, methodology and philosophy of MGE's direct case filed on November 26, 1997. This updated revenue requirement will allow the parties to reconcile MGE's case with the Staff and OPC cases (which will reflect the Commission-ordered test year). As the Commission may recall, MGE's failure to update its direct case in its last rate case led to the unreconciled differences dispute.

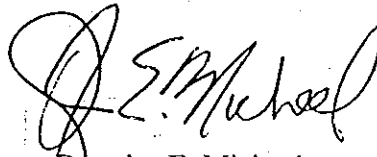
WHEREFORE, the Staff and OPC ask that the Commission issue a procedural schedule in accordance with the above.

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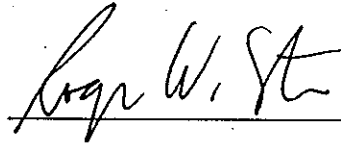


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