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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 15th  
day of June, 1994.

In the matter of Missouri Gas Energy's       )  
tariff revisions designed to make       )  
changes in general terms and conditions.   )  
CASE NO. GR-94-343

SUSPENSION ORDER NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS

On April 18, 1994, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) filed tariff sheets designed to increase the charge for certain services. Such charges include service initiation fees, reconnection charges, collection charges, and others. The tariff sheets were to be effective on May 20, 1994.

On May 6, 1994, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a motion to dismiss and a request for hearing. On May 10, 1994, MGE filed a substitute tariff sheet and voluntarily extended the effective date for all of the tariff sheets to June 20, 1994. On May 16, 1994, MGE filed a response to Public Counsel's motion to dismiss and request for hearing, and on May 20, 1994, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its response to Public Counsel's motion and request.

The Commission is of the opinion that the arguments made by Public Counsel in its motion and request are premature. Thus, the Commission determines that Public Counsel's motion to dismiss and request for hearing should be denied.

Nonetheless, the Commission is also of the opinion that in order to allow sufficient time to study the effect of the proposed tariff sheets and to determine if they are just, reasonable, and in the public interest, the proposed tariff sheets should be suspended for a period of 120 days beyond the requested effective date. The Commission is further of the opinion that a prehearing conference should be scheduled to allow the parties the opportunity to discuss any substantive or procedural issues in this matter. The parties should also utilize the prehearing conference to establish a procedural schedule to be proposed to the Commission.

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**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the motion to dismiss and the request for hearing filed by the Office of the Public Counsel are hereby denied.
2. That the proposed tariff sheets filed by Missouri Gas Energy on April 18, 1994 and substituted on May 10, 1994 are hereby suspended for a period of 120 days from June 20, 1994 to October 18, 1994.
3. That a prehearing conference is hereby scheduled in this matter for June 30, 1994, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri.
4. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule with the Commission on or before July 8, 1994.
5. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David L. Rauch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David L. Rauch  
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins,  
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur.