

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY**

**April 23, 2001**

**CASE NO: GR-2001-382**

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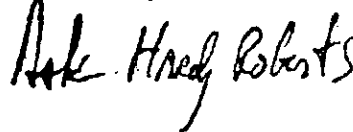
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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's )  
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Revisions ) Case No. GR-2001-382  
to be Reviewed in Its 2000-2001 Actual )  
Cost Adjustment.. )

On February 27, 2001, the Commission issued its order setting a prehearing conference and requiring the filing of a proposed procedural schedule in order to complete the Actual Cost Adjustment review of Missouri Gas Energy's (MGE's) current annual Purchased Gas Adjustments as quickly as possible. The prehearing conference was held on March 14, 2001, and the parties filed their joint Proposed Procedural Schedule on March 21, 2001. Also on March 21, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its Notification explaining why the ACA review could not be completed by the end of the 2001 calendar year.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed schedule and, in view of the unanimous agreement of the parties, finds the dates appropriate for these cases. Therefore, the Commission adopts the proposed schedule and finds that the following conditions should be applied to the schedule:

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) The parties shall agree on and file a list of issues to be determined herein by the Commission. Staff shall be responsible for actually drafting and filing the list of issues and the other parties shall cooperate with Staff in the development thereof. Any issue not included in the issues list will be presumed to not require determination by the Commission.

(C) Each party shall file a list of the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called. The parties shall establish the order of cross-examination and file a joint pleading indicating the same.

(D) Each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue, including a summary of the factual and legal points relied on by the party. Such statement shall be simple and concise, shall follow the issues set out in the issues list, and shall not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one. The position statement shall be filed in both paper form and electronically, either on computer disk or by e-mail. Electronically submitted documents shall be in Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII format. The Regulatory Law Judge's e-mail address is: ktomp099@mail.state.mo.us.

(E) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the Regulatory Law Judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(F) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. The briefs to be submitted by the parties shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case. The briefs must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record

concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission. Each principal brief shall not exceed 30 pages in length; reply briefs shall not exceed 15 pages in length.

(G) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits which they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and all counsel.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the following procedural schedule is adopted for Case GR-2001-382:

MGE makes its physical and financial hedging records available for audit	June 1, 2001 <sup>✓</sup>
MGE makes its 2000-2001 ACA Books and workpapers available for audit	August 15, 2001 <sup>✓</sup>
MGE responds to Staff's 49 standard data requests	August 22, 2001 <sup>✓</sup>
Staff Recommendation	November 29, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Company Response	December 20, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Direct Testimony All Parties	January 24, 2002 4:00 p.m.
Rebuttal Testimony All Parties	February 28, 2002 4:00 p.m.
Joint Issues List	March 14, 2002 4:00 p.m.
Position Statements, List of Witnesses, Order of Cross	March 21, 2002 4:00 p.m.

Surrebuttal Testimony  
All Parties

March 28, 2002  
4:00 p.m.

Evidentiary Hearing

April 15-19, 2002  
8:00 a.m.

Initial Briefs  
All Parties

May 3, 2002  
4:00 p.m.

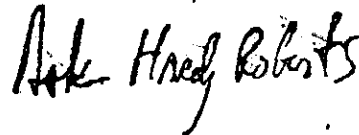
Reply Briefs  
All Parties

May 16, 2002  
4:00 p.m.

The hearing will be held at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a facility which meets the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

2. That this order shall become effective on May 3, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to Section 386.240,  
RSMo 2000.

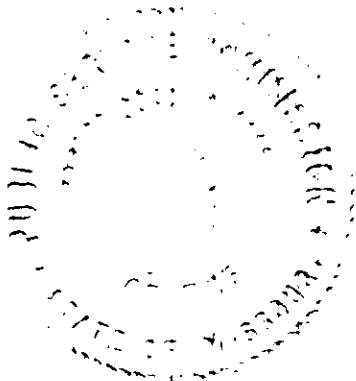
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 23rd day of April, 2001.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and  
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,  
Missouri, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2001.



*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge