## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 29th day of January, 1997.

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Tariff Sheets

Designed to Increase Rates for Gas Service in the

Company's Service Area.

Case No. GR-96-285

## **ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION**

On January 24, 1997, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a motion for clarification. OPC states that the revenue requirement increase authorized by the Commission is not consistent with the Commission's finding with respect to the incentive compensation issue (issue II.K.3.). OPC maintains that a \$65,000 reduction in the revenue requirement is necessary to be consistent with the Commission's findings.

On January 27, 1997 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a motion for clarification. Staff agrees with the content of OPC's motion for clarification. Staff also alleges that the uncollectible gross-up difference (line 31, scenario) should be (\$276,104) rather than (\$347,241). Finally, Staff alleges that the delayed payment revenue impact (line 20.1) is (\$25,661) rather than (\$25,441). The net effect of these three items is that the increased revenue requirement resulting from this rate case is \$7,533,431 rather than \$7,527,513.

Staff suggests that lines 26-27 of page 58 of the Report And Order should refer to "transportation charge" rather than "contract demand charge" because the contract demand charge is part of the purchased gas adjustment (PGA) and not affected by this order. Staff requests that the Commission amend page 58, lines 26-27 of the Report And Order, nunc pro tunc, to show

"transportation charge" rather than "contract demand charge." Finally, Staff maintains that the Commission should authorize Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) to continue block rates and seasonal rates as contained in MGE's current tariff.

On January 28, 1997, MGE filed a response to Staff's motion. MGE states that it does not object to the Staff's suggestions.

The Commission finds that each of these clarifications is appropriate and will grant the motions.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Ordered Paragraph 3 of the Commission's Report And Order issued January 22, 1997 is hereby corrected, nunc pro tunc, to reflect a revenue requirement increase of \$7,533,431 rather than \$7,527,513.
- 2. That Missouri Gas Energy shall maintain block rates and seasonal rates for Small General Service, Large General Service, and Large Volume Service customers.
- 3. That the words "transportation charge" be substituted for the words "contract demand charge" nunc pro tunc at lines 26-27, page 58 of the Report And Order.
- 4. That the tariff sheets to be filed by Missouri Gas Energy in compliance with the Report And Order shall reflect the contents of Ordered Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 in this order.
  - 5. That this order shall become effective on February 1, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

Ceil July

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Cecil I. Wright Executive Secretary

Zobrist, Chm., McClure, Crumpton and Drainer, CC., concur. Kincheloe, C., absent.

ALJ: Luckenbill