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RE: Case No. GR-99-304

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **JULY 16, 2001, STAFF FILING**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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

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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be)
Reviewed in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost)
Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-99-304

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1. On February 26, 2001, the Commission ordered the Staff to apprise it of the status of each case whose resolution will address issues currently pending in MGE's 1996-1997 ACA case, and that should be held in abeyance pending resolution of Case No. GR-96-450.

2. These MGE ACA cases are currently pending:

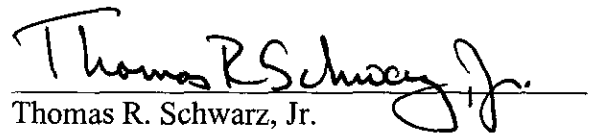
- GR-96-450 1996/97 ACA. The parties submitted a proposed procedural schedule on 2/15/01. The Commission has adopted the procedural schedule, with surrebuttal testimony due July 18, and a hearing scheduled September 17 through 21, 2001.
- GR-98-167 1997/98 ACA. Staff recommendation filed 8/12/99; MGE response filed 10/19/99.
- GR-99-304 1998/99 ACA. Case being held in abeyance pending resolution of GR-96-450.
- GR-2000-425 1999/00 ACA. Staff recommendation ordered filed by 12/1/01.
- GR-2001-382 2000/01 ACA. On April 23, Commission adopted a procedural schedule to dispose of case on an accelerated basis. The schedule calls for Staff's recommendation to be filed 11/2/01; MGE's response filed on 12/20/01; direct testimony of all parties on

1/24/02; rebuttal of all parties on 2/28/02; surrebuttal of all parties on 3/28/02; and hearing on 4/15 through 4/19/02.

3. In each of the above-listed cases the Staff has proposed, or anticipates proposing, an adjustment based upon the prudence of MGE's contract with Kansas Pipeline Company/Riverside Partnership for transportation of natural gas. The Commission's decision on this issue in Case No. GR-96-450 will directly and substantially affect the procedure in the ensuing ACA cases. With the exception of Case No. GR-2001-382, the Staff suggests that the Commission continue to hold MGE's ACA cases in abeyance pending its resolution of Case No. GR-96-450.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 16th day of July, 2001.

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