

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY
A division of Southern Union Company

Jackson County
DATA INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSE

Case Number: GR-2004-0209

Data Request No 0017

Requested From: Michael Noack

Date Requested: 3/15/2004

Information Requested:

What is the cost to MGE of reading a customer meter that is electronic and for which readings are telemetered to MGE as compared to the cost of reading a meter for which the readings are not telemetered to MGE

Requested By: Finnegan

Information Provided:

Meters are read by either an ERT device or by telemetering. The telemetering is used for larger Transportation Customers that require hourly reads throughout the day to allow for accurate gas nominations. The AMR system is not capable of producing these types of reads (this would require that the AMR reading vehicle be driven past each customer multiple times throughout the day).

The approximate labor costs charged to O&M for each type of meter read are as follows:

AMR:

Over the last 8 months, a total of \$432,670 dollars has been charged to meter reading. Approximately 500,000 meters were read each month, resulting in a unit cost of approximately \$0.11 per read.

Telemetering:

546 active meters are currently being read. Assuming 2 FTE's in the Large Volume Department @ \$7,000/month, and 1 EGM Technician @ \$3,500/month. These reads are available each hour of each day, resulting in a unit cost of approximately \$0.03/read.

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Signed By: Michael Noack

Director, Pricing and Regulatory Affairs

Date: 4/5/04