

**MGE Committee proposed SASY resolution opposing MGE 2015 rate filing v3**

Whereas MGE proposes to restructure electric rates and services fees to take effect in 2015;

Whereas MGE's 2015 rate design would increase fixed service fees substantially while reducing variable energy rates;

Whereas increased service charges would penalize low-use energy customers by increasing their monthly bills;

Whereas lower energy rates would encourage energy consumption and discourage customer initiatives to reduce their energy use and/or self-generate using solar and other clean, renewable resources;

Whereas cities across the nation are turning to energy conservation, green building design and construction, and renewable energy as a pathway for revitalizing the built environment, reduce facility operating costs while improving their environmental performance, and attract new investments and business opportunities;

Whereas MGE's primary sources of electricity rely on fossil fuels;

Whereas the city of Madison adopted in 2011 a sustainability plan to help city residents and businesses achieve substantial reductions in fossil fuel use;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

We, the Shenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara Neighborhood Association, urge the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to deny MGE's proposed rate redesign for 2015. Further, we urge Madison Gas & Electric to engage the City of Madison and other stakeholders in constructive discussions to meet the energy policy objectives outlined in the City's 2011 sustainability plan.