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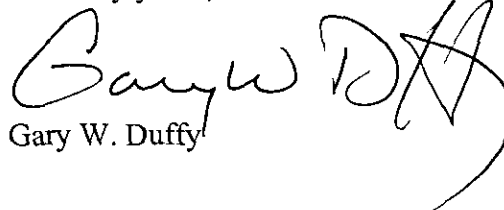
RE: Case No. GA-2000-412
Missouri Gas Energy

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and fourteen copies of the First Amended Application of MGE in this proceeding.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,


Gary W. Duffy

Enclosures
cc w/encl:

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

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In the matter of the application of Missouri Gas)
Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, for)
a certificate of public convenience and necessity)
authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate,)
control, manage and maintain a natural gas)
transmission and distribution system to provide)
gas service in a certain area in Newton County,)
Missouri, as an expansion of its existing certificated)
area.)

FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION

Comes now Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, ("MGE" or "Applicant"), by and through its counsel, and for its first amended application pursuant to Section 393.170 RSMo and 4 CSR 240-2.060(2) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, respectfully states as follows:

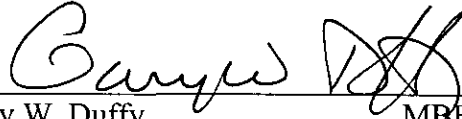
1. MGE incorporates by reference the entire contents of its Application filed on January 10, 2000.
2. The Commission, in its Order Requesting Response issued January 13, 2000, noted that MGE did not state whether there were any municipalities located within the proposed area. In this First Amendment, MGE hereby adds a new paragraph to the Application, to be numbered 14, to read as follows:

14. There are no municipalities located within the proposed service area.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests an order from the Commission granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain a system for the provision of natural gas service to the public pursuant to its approved rates, rules and regulations, in the requested new area of Newton County, Missouri.

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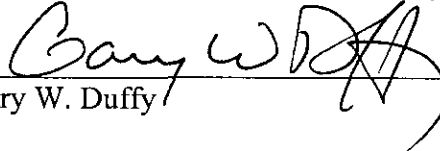
Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by hand delivery on the Office of the Public Counsel and the General Counsel this 18th day of January, 2000.



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